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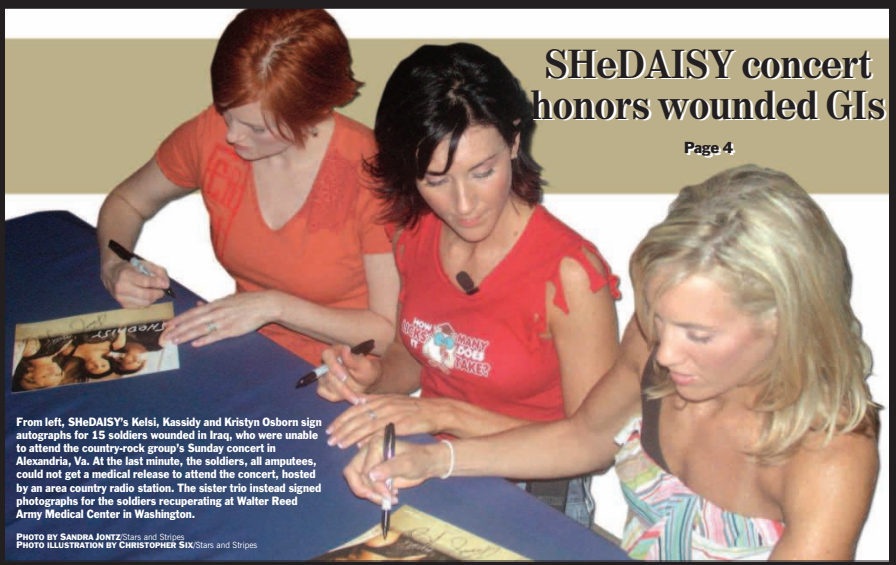
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From left, SHeDAISY's Kelsi, Kassidy and Kristyn Osborn sign autographs for 15 soldiers wounded in Iraq, who were unable to attend the country-rock group's Sunday concert in Alexandria, Va. At the last minute, the soldiers, all amputees, could not get a medical release to attend the concert, hosted by an area country radio station. The sister trio instead signed photographs for the soldiers recuperating at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

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Janet Jackson scandal: CBS will fight any fines leveled against its television stations over Janet Jackson's startling Super Bowl performance, a top executive with parent company Viacom Inc. said.

CBS could face a Federal Communications Commission fine of \$550,000 or a maximum penalty of \$27,500 for each of 20 CBS-owned stations. An FCC staff recommendation did not call for fining CBS affiliates that aired the Super Bowl halftime show, but many of those are not owned by Viacom.

Los Alamos probe: A security probe got under way at the troubled Los Alamos National Laboratory in Albuquerque, N.M., even as more allegations of security lapses rolled in.

Deputy Energy Secretary Kyle McSlarrow was expected to visit Monday, joining Linton Brooks, director of the National Nuclear Security Administration, who arrived Sunday. Brooks' visit came as the lab responded to yet another report of security lapses—an unconfirmed, anonymous tip released by the Project on Government Oversight, or POGO, reporting that classified information had been sent over the lab's unclassified e-mail system 17 times in recent months.

Gun dealer inspections: The federal agency that checks compliance with gun laws inspects only about 4.5 percent of the nation's federally licensed gun dealers each year, far below the agency's own goals, according to a Justice Department review released Monday.

At that rate, it would take the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives 22 years to inspect all 104,000 federally licensed gun dealers, according to the review by Glenn A. Fine, the Justice Department inspector general. ATF's goal is to check each dealer once every three years.

Tax-cut extension: A bipartisan group of senators wants Republican leaders to consider extending three of President Bush's most popular tax cuts without forcing the federal budget deeper into red ink.

The group plans to propose extending tax cuts for wage earners, married couples and parents for a year. They would cover the \$30 billion cost of preserving those tax cuts by ending abused tax shelters and extending customs service fees, aides to the senators said.



Rail security: Jane Amrose, a rider of Connecticut's Shoreline East, collects her belongings after being screened for explosives while boarding the train Monday at the Old Saybrook, Conn., station. Monday marked the first day that passengers may be screened for explosives while boarding the train as part of a test program called Transit and Rail Inspection Pilot (TRIP). TRIP uses railcars equipped with screening technology for baggage and tickets. The Transportation Security Administration will be running the program for a 30-day period.

World

Lebanon car-bombing: A car bomb explosion in south Beirut killed a longtime Hezbollah guerrilla commander who led many operations against Israel. Hezbollah's leader blamed Israel's agents for the assassination and vowed to "cut off their hands."

Ghaleb Awali, 40, died instantly when the bomb went off in the morning when he started his car in the Shiite Muslim Hezbollah stronghold, according to Lebanese security officials.

Whaling rules: The International Whaling Commission meeting got underway Monday in Italy amid accusations that Japan, the leading pro-whaling country, is buying votes of smaller nations in its bid to have an 18-year ban on commercial whaling overturned.

The Japanese delegation on Monday denied the accusations.

As the conference opened, an anti-whaling group presented a report that it said debunked the Japanese argument that whales are overeating fish.

Madrid terror attacks: The judge investigating the Madrid terror attacks warned on Monday that although many of those suspected of carrying out the bombing have been jailed or killed, others who provided logistical support may be taking over operations.

In his written ruling, Judge Juan Del Olmo did not specify the number of people who helped the March 11 bombers and were still at large, but he pointed out that at least one of the suspected bombers fled the apartment outside Madrid where seven suspects blew themselves up April 3 to avoid arrest.

Kashmir bombing: A key minister in the Indian portion of Kashmir survived a second apparent attempt on his life when a bomb exploded at a public rally Monday, killing five people and wounding at least 50 others, police said.

Deputy Chief Minister Mangat Ram Sharma was at a public gathering in Kapran, a remote village in India's Jammu-Kashmir state, when a bomb went off near the speakers' podium, police officer Syed Ashiq said. Sharma escaped injury.

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Soldiers' involuntary reassignments to begin

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Some soldiers are about to switch jobs — whether they like it or not.

Under a long-standing authority called "Involuntary Classification," Army officials are about to change their right to tell soldiers they need to take a different job in order to "rebalance the force," Army officials said.

Beginning this week, around 140 soldiers will get a letter informing them that they've been reassigned, complete with a date to attend a school for retraining, along with information about whether they will need to pull up stakes and move permanently, or just attend the school in temporary duty status, according to Connie Marche, Chief of the Army's Reclassification Management Branch.

Soldiers should have "at least 90 days notice" of the move.

"But it's not optional," Marche said in a Monday telephone interview. "It's an order."

The involuntary reclassification program is necessary because the Army — like the Navy and Air Force — has too many people doing Cold-War era jobs that aren't relevant to today's missions.

The first reclassification list

The Army reclassification will begin by focusing on subsets within five Military Occupational Specialties, or MOSs. The number is the career field; the letter is the subspecialty: 21B — Combat engineer, and 21J, general construction equipment operator, to be classified to 21U, topographic analyst. Total affected: 10 soldiers.

74C — Telecommunications Operator — Maintainer, to be reclassified to 25B, information systems operator/analyst. Total affected: 50 soldiers.

88K — Transportation watercraft operators, to be reclassified to 88K, watercraft operators. Total affected: 15 soldiers.

36H — Common Ground Station Operator, and 96R, Ground Surveillance System Operator. Reclassification MOS and number of affected soldiers unknown.

98H — Communications/Noncommunications Collector. Reclassification MOS and number of affected soldiers unknown.

Note: The Army also needs about 110 soldiers to move from 14S, Air Defense Avenger crewmember, and 14R, Air Defense Bradley Linebacker crewmember, to 14J, Air Defense Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence Tactical Operations Center Operator/Maintainer.

But before the service mandates the moves, soldiers in the J and R Air Defense MOSs will be given a 90-day voluntary period, Army officials said.

— Lisa Burgess

The Air Force and Navy are using programs that give first-term airmen and sailors in overmanned jobs a choice of changing to an area where they are a shortage of personnel when it's time to re-enlist. If the members won't do it, they often aren't allowed to re-up.

But those two services can afford to lose members who don't want to change jobs. The Air Force needs to cut 22,000 airmen by Sept. 31, 2005, because it is beyond its authorized end strength, while

the Navy intends to reduce its size by 7,900 by the same time, in order to fund future technologies.

The Army, on the other hand, has primary responsibility for missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

With no end to either in sight, the Army can't spare a soul. In fact, Congress has told the Army it needs to add another 30,000 soldiers over the next couple of years.

Nevertheless, the Army has tried the volunteer route, too.

The Army has not exercised its legal right to tell people to switch

without giving them a 90-day voluntary period first since the early 1980s, Marche said.

If enough soldiers don't take the bait, only then has the Army resorted to involuntary assignments.

The problem, Marche said, "is that we've never been too successful with ... [asking] for volunteers ... We all get comfortable with what we do and don't want to make changes."

The initial numbers of involuntary reclassifications are small because the Army needs to make its

changes in "low-density" MOSs, where you probably have fewer than 1,000 soldiers," Marche said.

Nor are the involuntary reclassification soldiers being asked to switch their basic career fields, just their sub-specialties within that field.

"We're only going to do this if you're going to be in the same career field, the logic being it won't be such a drastic change" for soldiers, Marche said.

In those MOSs, "if you have just one more soldier, you can be over strength," she said.

But the involuntary reclassification program will continue, and not always on a small scale, Marche said.

By the end of the year, as many as 700 intelligence soldiers may be asked to shuffle jobs, although the plans have yet to be finalized, she said.

Moving from an over-stressed field to an under-strength job has its advantages, even if it's not by choice, Marche pointed out.

Overfilled MOSs "have stagnant promotion opportunities ... and [a lack] of career-enhancing assignments," which is not the case at all in undermanned areas, she said.

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3 Okinawa clubs no longer off-limits

Owner says he lost \$94,000 per location each month U.S. personnel were barred

BY DAVID ALLEN
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Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Three Okinawa City bars the U.S. military placed off-limits in April are back in the business of serving servicemembers.

An off-limits restriction against Club Pyramid, Club Else and Club Manhattan, all owned by Noboru Inafuku, executive director of Piccadilly Planning, was lifted Monday after he complied with conditions set by the Armed Forces Disciplinary Board.

The establishments were placed off-limits to all U.S. servicemembers and SOFA-status personnel on April 9 for failing to correct potentially unsafe conditions. The disciplinary board's recommendation was approved by Marine Lt. Gen. Robert R. Eikenberry, the Okinawa Area Coordinator and the senior U.S. general on the island.

The disciplinary board consists of members from each U.S. armed service. Board members have said that earlier this year, they became alarmed about fights inside and outside the bars, in Okinawa City's popular Uechi district. The board stated it also was concerned about poor lighting inside and outside the

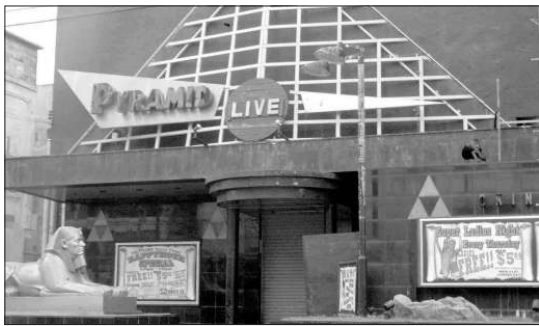
clubs, employing SOFA personnel as hostesses, selling alcohol to minors and preventing military courtesy patrols from entering the clubs.

Marine Col. Bradley Turner, disciplinary board president, said Inafuku complied satisfactorily with the board's requested changes.

"This was a very deliberate and fair process," Turner stated in a news release issued by the Marine's Consolidated Public Affairs Office. "We delivered a letter of warning stating our concerns and conditions. When these concerns were not satisfactorily addressed, the OAC placed the establishments off-limits. Once changes were made, and in close cooperation with the proprietor, the board voted to recommend lifting of the restrictions."

"I hope this and other actions help reduce off-base incidents and provide a safe, yet enjoyable environment for our servicemembers and other SOFA personnel," he said.

"To reduce accidents and incidents is also our wish," club owner Inafuku said Monday afternoon. "It is our desire to provide our patrons with a safe environment. From this aspect, we will continue to maintain the improved environment of our clubs in the future as well."



PHOTOS BY MARK RANKIN/Stars and Stripes

Above: Club Pyramid, in the Uechi district of Okinawa City, has had its off-limits status lifted for all Status of Forces Agreement personnel on Okinawa, along with Club Else and Club Manhattan. Right: A sign at the entrance to Club Else has warned SOFA personnel away since the clubs were declared off-limits April 9.

Inafuku continues to contend that some of the disciplinary board's complaints were unfair. "But we did our best to comply with all the requirements," he said.

He said the clubs did little business during the off-limits period, each losing almost 10 million yen (about \$94,000) per month.

"The past three months and 10 days have been very long and hard for us," he said. "But somehow we endured and survived. Starting this weekend, I hope servicemembers will start coming back to our clubs."

The clubs will be reopening to a

reduced pool of customers. A midnight curfew is in effect for all junior enlisted Marines and sailors attached to Marine units on Okinawa. The curfew is part of a new liberty card program aimed at reducing misbehavior by young servicemembers.

Inafuku says he supports the curfew.

"It is the way it should be," he said. "If the policy is applied equally throughout Okinawa and Japan, we will be competitive."

"Having the off-limits restriction lifted has lifted a big burden off my shoulder," he said.

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SHeDAISY honors amputee vets of Iraq war

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The show went on — even if the guests of honor weren't there.

At the last moment, 15 soldiers, all amputees wounded in Iraq, didn't get the medical release to attend a benefit concert by country-rock band SHeDAISY, held, in part, in their honor.

But the sister trio went on.

Originally a free show for loyal listeners of a Washington, D.C., country station, Sunday's event turned into a concert to honor amputees recuperating at Walter Reed

Army Medical Center with a free show and backstage time with SHeDAISY's Kelsi, Cassidy and Kristyn Osborn.

Then word came the troops didn't get the medical nod of approval.

"We're really disappointed they're not here. Really disappointed," said Cassidy, 27.

"But we understand," said Kristyn, 33. A new nonprofit organization, Homes for Our Troops, solicited \$5 donations from the roughly 675 concertgoers.

The event raked in more than \$1,500 and several pledges for services, said founder and president John Gonsalves.

Gonsalves is working to develop a nation-

wide network of skilled professionals who can help make it easier for disabled troops to transition to everyday life, such as installing wheelchair ramps and kitchens and bathrooms tailored to fit their new needs, he said.

After hearing a year ago about a soldier critically injured in a rocket-propelled grenade attack, Gonsalves wondered "what, as an American can I do to help. I have 20 years in the construction field, and I knew some would have needs for their houses to be changed."

People can contact Homes for Our Troops by calling 866-7-TROOPS or visiting: www.homesforourtroops.org.

The Army's D3S program, or Disabled

Soldier Support System, worked to arrange backstage passes for the amputees, but had to settle for getting signed photographs of the trio.

In conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs, D3S provides for severely disabled soldiers and their families a system of advocacy and services to transition to civilian life. Troops can ask for help at www.armyD3S.org, or by calling toll-free (800) 833-6622.

"We have a good message [for deployed troops]," Cassidy Osborn said.

"We want them to come home soon. I don't know how [they] do it. I'd be chicken. But we're grateful someone is willing to."

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B-2s make pit stop in Guam

Stars and Stripes

Two B-2 stealth bombers touched down at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, over the weekend in the midst of training that spanned 40 hours and thousands of miles.

The weeklong global power mission exercise tested Andersen's ability to support 75 B-2 aircraft members of the 509th Bomb Wing from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. They stayed at Andersen for a week, preparing for the B-2's arrival on Saturday, according to an Andersen news release.

The exercise also allowed the bombing wing to practice its ability

to fly from Whiteman, land on Guam to change crews, and fly back to Missouri, officials said.

Each B-2 crew flew 20 hours, and the aircraft's engines ran for more than 40 hours with a minimal amount of time on the ground.

Andersen officials said in the release the exercise was part of a series of routine missions in the Pacific region to demonstrate the global capabilities of U.S. forces and to conduct bomber training.

The training also is used to ensure airmen "are prepared and capable to strike anywhere in the world by testing capabilities to respond to any global threat," the release said.

Kitty Hawk departs

The USS Kitty Hawk and its strike group sailed out of its permanent base at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, on Monday after two months in port.

The ship and Carrier Airwing 5 set sail to join Summer Pulse 2004, the Navy's fleet response program that deploys seven aircraft carrier groups at once.

The ship will train with the USS John Stennis and members of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, according to a Navy news release.

The bilateral training will include air, subsurface and surface

warfare exercises. The ship's crew will conduct combat systems drills, strike mission training and qualifications for the air wing.

Hunting license sign-up

Status-of-forces-agreement personnel in Japan interested in obtaining a Japanese hunting license need to sign up this month for a September licensing course at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan.

The license costs about \$5,000 yen (about \$775) and is good for three years, said Mike Gingles, the American liaison to an Iwakuni hunting club that helps coordi-

nate the licensing course. Prospective hunters must be at least 21.

Hunters interested in obtaining a license will take classes on gun regulations, safety and animal identification, and then perform a skills test. It's one of the only places non-Japanese-speaking Americans can get a license; service-members have traveled from as far as Okinawa to join the hunting club and get one of the permits, Gingles said.

Contact Gingles at DSN 253-5999, or 253-2112 after hours, for more information on obtaining the license or on the hunting club.

From staff reports



Sharky's Beverage Company Friday, July 23 at 2000

Formed in 1998 and hailing from Houston, Texas The Rachels have become one of the most sought after bands in the south. Averaging 200 plus shows a year over the past two years, The Rachels have been dubbed Houston's "hardest working band." With 3 full-length albums to their credit the band has supported each album with non-stop touring and has had support from several radio DJ's in Houston.

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Philippines completes withdrawal from Iraq

Country fulfills kidnappers' demands by pulling all 51 troops, waits for insurgents to release hostage

By JIM GOMEZ
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines completed the withdrawal of its troops from Iraq on Monday, meeting a demand by Iraqi insurgents threatening to behead a Filipino hostage but defying opposition from Washington and other allies.

The last members of the 51-strong force made an "exit call" on the new Polish commander at their base in Hillah, south of Baghdad, lowering the Philippine flag at their quarters, then waved as they left in six cars.

Iraqi police later said the final contingent of troops drove over the border into Kuwait in a three-car convoy.

The Philippines' ambassador in Kuwait, Bayani V. Manghin, said those who arrived Monday could leave as early as Wednesday on a commercial flight. He said 10 other Filipinos who had arrived separately earlier will depart Tuesday.

The Philippine troops had been scheduled to leave Iraq on Aug. 20.

Some of Manila's allies, including the United States and Australia, have sharply criticized the withdrawal decision, engineered to save the life of truck driver Angelo dela Cruz. They argue it encourages terrorists and endangers other coalition members in Iraq.

Philippine diplomats in Iraq were waiting for word on dela Cruz from the kidnappers' emissaries, a Philippine official said.

"We have fulfilled our commitment, and so it's their turn to fulfill their promise. We are waiting," the official said on condition of anonymity.

The insurgents who snatched him on July 7 near Fallujah, killing his Iraqi security guard, have said they would free the 46-year-old father of eight once the last Filipino troops had left.

Army Brig. Gen. Jovito S. Palparan Jr., commander of the Phil-

ippine contingent, returned home Monday ahead of his troops, then met President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's top advisers to discuss details of the withdrawal. Some of the troops left for Kuwait last week.

Leftist groups welcomed the pullout.

"It's a victory for Angelo dela Cruz and his family as well as the Filipino people," said Renato Reyes, spokesman of the militant Bayan group, which has protested the deployment of troops to Iraq.

He expressed concern that U.S. assaults, such as airstrikes in Iraq's restive Fallujah region Sunday which killed 14 people, could endanger the life of dela Cruz.

A prominent pressure group for overseas workers, Migrant, welcomed the withdrawal, but also urged Arroyo to withdraw all support for the U.S.-led force, fearing that 4,000 Filipino contract workers in Iraq and more than 1.4 million others in the Middle East could be in danger.



Brig. Gen. Jovito Palparan, the commander of the 51-person Philippine contingent in Iraq, talks to the media shortly after arriving Monday at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila.

Relatives of dela Cruz in the northern province of Pampanga were overjoyed and prayed after hearing of plans to complete the withdrawal Monday. They urged the kidnappers to free him.

"I'm happy because they have pulled out and my son could now be freed. That would be a consolation for me and my villagers because we have been losing sleep," Feliciano de la Cruz Sr., the hostage's father, told Associated Press Television News.

In the final sign of possible fallout from Arroyo's decision to withdraw troops from Iraq, a U.S. official said on Sunday that Washington was re-evaluating ties.

Suicide truck bomber kills 9 near Baghdad police station

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber in a fuel truck blew it up early Monday at a police station in southwest Baghdad, killing nine

people and wounding 60 as the inferno engulfed civilians and officers waiting for their daily assignments, officials and witnesses said.

Later, the Defense Ministry

said militants killed Essam al-Dijali, the head of the military's supply department, in a drive-by shooting as he walked into his house in Baghdad.

The morning blast outside the

police station in the Seidiyeh neighborhood, the latest in a string of deadly attacks on police, came as officers gathered to receive their daily assignments.

The explosion leveled car-re-

pair garages and other industrial workshops. Cars were crushed under concrete, while others turned into flaming wrecks. Corrugated metal roofs were twisted and chunks of buildings were scattered hundreds of yards away.

"We were all standing in a row, listening to our officer as he gave us our assignment for the day," said Mehdi Salah Abed Ali, 32, lying in a bed at al-Yarmuk hospital, a bandage around his leg.

In the assassination of al-Dijali, four gunmen drove up as he was carrying dinner into his home Sunday night and opened fire, killing him and his bodyguard, said Mishal al-Sarraf, an adviser to the defense minister.

"He was killed in cold blood by the evil hands of the followers of the former regime," al-Sarraf said.

The assassination was the latest assault on senior Iraqi officials. Assassins killed the governor of Nineveh Province last week and tried unsuccessfully to assassinate the country's justice minister. They have also targeted police officers, accusing them of being collaborators with U.S. forces.

In the suicide bombing early Monday, the presence of the white tanker truck in the industrial area did not raise concerns until it started speeding toward the police station, said Ahmed Nouri, a worker at a nearby car wash.

The tanker exploded roughly 490 feet from the fenced-in, two-story police station.

After the attack, protesters gathered and chanted, "Long live Saddam!" before police came in and dispersed them by firing in the air.

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Marine says he did not desert Iraq post



Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun prepares himself before making a statement to the media Monday outside the gates of Quantico Marine Corps Base, Va. Hassoun, who did not answer any questions during his brief appearance, denied that he was a deserter.

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT

The Associated Press

QUANTICO, Va. — A Marine Corps corporal who disappeared under mysterious circumstances last month in Iraq denied Monday that he was a deserter.

"I did not desert my post," Wassef Ali Hassoun told reporters outside Quantico Marine Corps Base. "I was captured and held against my will by anti-coalition forces for 19 days. This was a very difficult and challenging time for me."

Hassoun did not answer any questions during his brief appearance. He was joined by his brother, who had recently arrived at Quantico from Utah.

Hassoun is in the midst of what the Marines call a "repatriation process" in which he is debriefed and given time to decompress and avoid the media spotlight, Marine Corps officials said.

In the coming days, Hassoun will leave Quantico for Camp Lejeune, N.C., his home base, said a Marine Corps spokesman, Lt. Col. Dave Lapan. He will continue the repatriation process there, Lapan said.

Lapan said the Marine Corps reviewed Hassoun's statement and made no changes. But he said the Marine Corps was not in a position to confirm or refute the substance of Hassoun's statement.

"We're not in a position to make a judgment either way," Lapan said.

Hassoun thanked God and thanked friends and family for their support. "I understand that there are many ques-

tions and respectfully ask that the media respect my need to spend private time with my family," he said.

"I would like to tell all the Marines as well as all those others serving in Iraq to keep their heads up and spirits high. Once a Marine, always a Marine, Semper Paratus," he said.

Lapan said that Hassoun has expressed no reservations about returning to active duty.

Hassoun arrived at Quantico on Friday after six days of medical evaluation at a military hospital in Germany. Marine officials said it may be weeks or months until Hassoun returns to active duty.

Hassoun, 24, of West Jordan, Utah, had been missing since June 20 from his base near the troubled Iraqi city of Fallujah before turning up unharmed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut on July 8. It remains unclear how he traveled from Iraq to Lebanon, where he was born and still has relatives.

On June 27, Arab television showed a videotape of Hassoun with his eyes covered by a white blindfold and a sword hanging over his head.

At one point during his disappearance, a group claiming to represent his captors falsely claimed that he had been beheaded after being lured from the base by a love affair.

The Navy is investigating whether the kidnapping might have been a ruse. But the Naval Criminal Investigation Service is not expected to question Hassoun until his repatriation procedure is completed, the Marine Corps said.

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IN THE WORLD

Boucher: U.S. determined to prosecute Jenkins

BY BARRY SCHWEID

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States may be willing to defer prosecution of a former U.S. soldier accused of defecting to North Korea nearly 40 years ago but is not willing to give up on seeking his return from Japan to face charges, a State Department spokesman said Monday.

The former soldier, Charles Jenkins, 64, was resting in a Tokyo hospital while many Japanese hoped the United States would be lenient in its desertion case against him so he may resettle there with his Japanese wife.

State Department spokesman Richard

Boucher said "we are considerate of the humanitarian situation" and of Jenkins' medical condition. So, Boucher said, "while we do expect to present a legal request for custody at the appropriate time, we won't be doing that right away."

Jenkins was to undergo testing Tuesday to determine how he should be treated, a hospital official said in Japan. The Japanese government says Jenkins suffers from after-effects of abdominal surgery he received in North Korea and needs urgent care.

Jenkins disappeared near the Demilitarized Zone separating North and South Korea in 1965. He arrived in Japan on Sunday with his Japanese wife and their North Korea-born daughters.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi had lobbied hard for him to come to Japan amid an outpouring of public sympathy for his wife and her plight as a former victim of kidnapping by the North Korean state.

His wife, Hitomi Soga, was abducted from her hometown on the small island of Sado in the Sea of Japan in 1978 and taken to the North to teach Japanese to communist spies. She lived for 24 years in the North, where she met and married Japanese. Pyongyang allowed her to return to Japan two years ago, but she had to leave Jenkins and the two daughters behind.

Soga, 45, and the Japanese government hope Jenkins will settle in Japan permanently so his family can live together.

Boucher said U.S. Ambassador Howard Baker has told Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi that Jenkins has been charged with desertion and other serious offenses and is considered still to be on active duty.

Once Jenkins got to Japan on Sunday, he became subject to a longstanding agreement with Japan that authorizes the United States to request custody of him, Boucher said.

"Our ambassador further explained that the United States will request custody of Sergeant Jenkins at the appropriate time," the spokesman added. "But he also acknowledged that we might delay the request because of Sergeant Jenkins' medical condition."

S. Korea shocked by arrest of suspect in serial killings

The Associated Press

[BYLINEBOTH]SEOUL — South Korea's worst serial killer in decades led a poem about his longing for his mother and skillful drawings of women in his next, studio apartment, police say. He allegedly lured some victims with a forged police identification that he crafted at home with his computer and printer.

Yoo Young-chul, a 33-year-old with a history of epilepsy and jail terms for theft and sexual abuse, also did much of his killing at home. Police on Sunday announced the arrest of Yoo, who says he killed as many as 26 people, many of them female prostitutes and older, wealthy people.

The case has shocked South Korea, a relatively safe nation of 48 million people where the murder rate hovers just below 1,000 a year. Images of Yoo in captivity

— his face hidden by a blue, surgical mask, baseball cap and yellow, hooded anorak — were splashed across television screens and the front pages of major newspapers Monday.

This weekend, police dug up 11 corpses on the hill near Yoo's apartment building after he led them to their shallow graves.

Police described a smart, meticulous killer who blamed his misfortune over the years on the wealthy and women. South Korea's media said Yoo's wife divorced him while he was in jail years ago, and a masseuse, whose profession is often a front for prostitution, turned down his hand in marriage.

Investigators who searched the suspect's home found a poem apparently written by Yoo in which he expressed longing for his mother, as well as portraits of naked women that he apparently drew.

Three wounded in Gaza strike

Israeli missiles hit militant HQ; Arafat strips cousin of post

BY MARK LAVIE

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli missiles hit a Gaza militants' safe house on Monday, wounding three, a spokesman for a Palestinian group said, the first Israeli airstrike there since internal turmoil broke out over the weekend.

In a related development, Israel's moderate Labor Party's Shimon Peres said Monday afternoon that he would support a plan to back up Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Gaza pullout plan as part of its price for shoring up his shaky government.

In Gaza City, a spokesman for the Popular Resistance Committee said the Monday afternoon airstrike was aimed at a house used by Abdel Quza, the group's leader in northern Gaza. He was wounded in the attack.

Smoke rose into the sky from the building, and a large crowd quickly gathered around the house at the Shati refugee camp on the beach next to Gaza City.

The Popular Resistance Committee is an umbrella group of militants who left other Palestinian factions. Its militants do not answer to outside authorities and often carry out attacks against their wishes.

The airstrike came as Palestin-



Lt. Gen. Abdel Razek Majade, reinstated director of General Security for the West Bank and Gaza Strip, flashes a victory sign Monday outside the security office in Gaza City.

ian leader Yasser Arafat moved to defuse three days of tension and violence over his appointment of a relative, Moussa Arafat, as head of security in Gaza.

On Monday, Arafat reinstated the officer his relative replaced — Abdel Razek Majade — but retained Moussa Arafat in a powerful position, satisfying some of his

critics but infuriating others.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said Monday he is intent on resigning but made no move to leave office. He told reporters that in a phone call to Arafat, he said, "It is time to re-evaluate all our security branches based on the correct principles. It is now time to appoint the right man to the right position."

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'In our hands'

Anti-terror plans for London airport found on roadside

BY MICHAEL MCDONOUGH

The Associated Press

LONDON — A police inquiry has been launched in response to a newspaper report saying a dossier containing anti-terror plans for Heathrow airport was found lying on a roadside, police said Monday.

Home Secretary David Blunkett, Britain's top law enforcement official, said he believed the documents were genuine. "The plans were obviously very good," he told British Broadcasting Corp. radio. "Somebody disposing of them in a way that allowed that to happen is very bad."

London's Metropolitan Police refused to give details of the nature of the documents, but said they had been recovered by officers.

"We treat any breach of security extremely seriously," a spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

"We've launched an internal inquiry into the circumstances of how these documents went missing, and we will take the appropriate action when we have

ascertained the facts surrounding this matter."

The spokesman was responding to a report in The Sun daily claiming that a motorist found the documents by the side of a road a few hundred yards from Heathrow's Terminal 4.

The newspaper said the plans, dated June 26, showed 62 sites at Heathrow where terrorists were most likely to launch anti-aircraft missile strikes. They included facts about escape routes, evacuation plans and road closures, according to The Sun.

The plans, handed to The Sun by the motorist, were drawn up by the Metropolitan Police's SO18 Aviation Security team, the paper reported. It ran pictures of the front cover of one of the documents bearing the police force's emblem and marked "Confidential."

The dossier reportedly identifies a field close to Heathrow as being ideal for launching a rocket strike. "The site affords an excellent site to attack aircraft departing Heathrow," The Sun quoted the documents as saying. "The firing point is just over the fence into the field. This is a very large site with little cover."

Austrian seminary student arrested for child porn use

BY WILLIAM J. KOLE

The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Prosecutors on Monday charged a 27-year-old Polish candidate for the priesthood with possession and distribution of child pornography, invoking a tough new federal law in a widening investigation into a vast cache of lurid images found at a seminary.

The student, whose name was not released, had downloaded "numerous" photographs from a Web site in his native Poland, state prosecutor Walter Nemecek said in a statement. If tried and convicted, he faces up to two years in prison.

Authorities say some 40,000 photos and numerous videos, including child pornography, sadomasochistic sexual acts and pictures of trainee priests kissing and fondling each other and their older instructors, were found at the seminary in St. Poelten, 50 miles west of Vienna.

The discovery, and the subsequent furor in overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Austria, triggered the country's worst church sex scandal since a cardinal was forced to resign amid allegations of pedophilia in 1995.



Austrian Bishop Kurt Krenn, in charge of the St. Poelten, Austria, diocese, is under intense pressure to resign since the discovery of child pornography on computers at a seminary in St. Poelten.

Nemecek said the student was charged with distribution as well as possession because the images of children in sexual situations were stored on computers that

were readily available to other students at the seminary.

The suspect, who has been expelled from the seminary, faces up to two years in prison and a fine.

Investigators who seized and examined the computers' hard drives suspect that eight other seminarians may have been involved, but proving it may not be possible because the computers were shared and students were not assigned user IDs, Nemecek said.

The criminal investigation has steered well clear of the priest sex photos, he added, stressing that "homosexual relations between consenting adults" are not a crime in Austria.

Michael Dinihobl, a spokesman for embattled Bishop Kurt Krenn, who oversees the diocese where the seminary is located, said an internal inquiry was trying to determine whether other students were implicated in the child porn aspect of the case.

The Archdiocese of Vienna's ombudsman for victims of sexual abuse has urged the Vatican to remove Krenn, 68, as bishop. Two other influential Catholic lay organizations also have demanded that Krenn resign. He has refused, insisting the case has been blown out of proportion.

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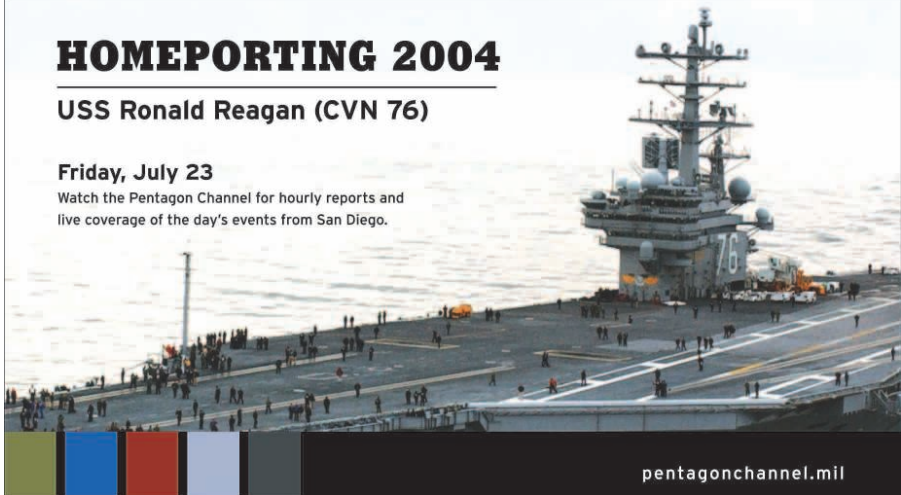
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IN THE STATES

Bush says U.S. seeing if Iran had role in 9/11

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Monday the United States is exploring whether Iran had any role in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, a scenario the CIA has found no evidence to support.

"We will continue to look and see if the Iranians were involved," Bush said. "I have long expressed my concerns about Iran. After all, Iran is a totalitarian society where people are not allowed to exercise their rights as human beings."

"As to direct connections with Sept. 11, we're digging into the facts to determine if there was one," Bush said, the president, who has branded Iran as part of an "axis of evil" along with North Korea and pre-war Iraq under Saddam Hussein's leadership.

Bush accused Iran of harboring al-Qaida leadership, seeking a nuclear weapons program and financing terrorist organizations such as Hezbollah.

Acting CIA Director John McLaughlin said on Sunday that the CIA has known for some time that some of the Sept. 11 hijackers were able to pass through Iran.

But he said there is no evidence the government in Tehran supported this. Nothing suggests an official connection between Iran and the 2001 hijackings, he said.

Court urged to end juvenile executions

Advocates say world almost united against practice of 19 states

BY ANNE GEARAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jimmy Carter, Mikhail Gorbachev, the American Medical Association and 48 nations are among those who lobbied the Supreme Court on Monday to end the execution of killers who committed their crimes before age 18.

The United States is among a handful of nations that allow the practice. The high court will reconsider this fall whether such executions are constitutional.

The 25-nation European Union, plus Mexico, Canada and other nations argued that execution of juvenile killers "violates widely accepted human rights norms and the minimum standards of human rights set forth by the United Nations."

Mexico noted separately that three of the 73 current death row inmates condemned for killings that took place before they were 18 are Mexican nationals.

The American Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association and other medical and mental health groups also told the court they oppose execution of teen killers, as did the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Diplomats including former undersecretary of state Thomas Pickering and former ambassador to France Felix Rohatyn argued that growing international consensus against such executions leaves the U.S. diplomatically isolated.

In the past four years, only five nations have executed juveniles, the diplomats said. Congo, China, Iran, Pakistan and the United States.

"In no other area of human rights does the United States consider these nations to be our equals," the filing said.

Two friends of the court briefs filed earlier support continuation of the practice.

"[Our] experience strongly indicates that a bright-line rule categorically exempting 16- and 17-year-olds from the death penalty ... would be arbitrary at best and downright perverse at worst," lawyers for Alabama, Delaware, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Virginia told the court.

Those states are among 19 that allow execution of killers who were 16 or 17 at the time of the crime. Not all states that allow the death penalty apply it to underage killers, and no state allows the execution of those who were younger than 16 at the time of the crime.

Dry weather keeps Calif. fire active



LOS ANGELES TIMES/AP

A wildfire jumps Placerita Canyon Road for the second time Sunday, while fire crews watch from Santa Clarita, Calif. Dry, windy weather Monday hurt efforts to contain the fire that has forced thousands of people to flee their homes. There were no immediate reports of injuries.



Cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Changes to overtime laws

CBS MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — Six million people will lose their right to be paid overtime under new federal regulations slated to go into effect in August, according to a new report by a liberal research group.

Nearly 2 million workers who are "team leaders" will be ineligible for overtime pay under the new rules, along with about 920,000 workers without college

degrees who will be reclassified as "learned professionals," according to the Economic Policy Institute report.

Among the 3 million additional workers who will become ineligible are some who earn more than \$100,000 a year, as well as some teachers, computer programmers and supervisors, the report contends.

While workers in any industry might see changes, retail and office workers will feel the brunt of the new rules.

Some in Texas town oppose effort to take Jap Road off the map

BY PAM EASTON

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — For many Japanese-Americans the sign is a painful insult, an echo of decades of discrimination: Jap Road.

But many residents of Jefferson County are opposing efforts to change the name of the 4.3-mile rural road, saying they don't want to erase a chapter of their history, and that a nearly century-old honor is being misinterpreted as an act of hate.

On Monday, commissioners in the southeast Texas county were to hear from civil rights

groups and residents about whether to change the name.

Earl Callahan, 64, grew up on the road and continues to call it home. He said the road was named in 1905 for Japanese rice farmer Yasuo Mayumi, who returned to Japan in the mid-1920s.

"They were proud to be called Japs from Jap Farm," Callahan said of Mayumi and a number of other Japanese families who farmed in the area. "Jap Road is a love story for all of our residents. A lot of our residents here still have things that the Japanese left behind and gave to our grandparents. It is not a hate story."

The Japanese American Citizens League says while it understands the historic reasons behind calling it Jap Road, times have changed and a more appropriate name would be Mayumi Road.

"Any era in which the term 'Jap' was considered acceptable is long past, and continued use of the name only debases the original intent of honoring the family," the

league said in a petition with 4,364 signatures that it plans to present to commissioners.

The effort to drop the name began in the early 1990s when Sandra Tanamachi decided to try a popular seafood restaurant about 20 miles outside her hometown of Beaumont. She knew it was located on Jap Road, but didn't realize the effect it would have on her family until they got there. Tanamachi's father emigrated from Japan to the United States.

"That word to us was just a source of pain and anguish," Tanamachi said Sunday.

"Our son refused to go in any type of restaurant on that road. We all just felt very sad and depressed. That is when I decided I had to do something to change it."

Tanamachi took her fight to the county commissioners. In 1993, but was able to get the support of only one of the five commissioners, she said.

Callahan said he and others understand the term "Jap" now is considered derogatory, but they consider changing the sign to be changing history. Instead of changing the name, he believes building a historical marker that tells the story of Mayumi and other Japanese families who brought rice farming to the region.

"For 80 years, there was no issue to the road and then all of the sudden we became a bunch of big kids down here because we have a J-A-P road," he said.

"We have got to reach some middle ground here and changing the name of the road isn't middle ground. We are the ones who are going to lose our history and our heritage."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (July 20)	107.00
S. Korean won (July 19)	1,129.00
Euro	\$1.2724
British pound	\$1.61

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3779
British pound	\$1.5709
Canada (dollar)	0.7072
Denmark (Krone)	6.0194
Egypt (Pound)	2.2364
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.2485
Hungary (Forint)	2.7991
Island (Krona)	20.0
Israel (Shekel)	4.4824
Japan (Yen)	108.81
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Norway (Krone)	4.6568
Philippines (Peso)	55.98
Saudi (Riyal)	2.47
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7002
South Africa (Rand)	1.9822
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2228
Thailand (Baht)	53.54
Turkey (Lira)	1,428,571.00

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonmilitary currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), consult your local money market facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign exchange rates to one dollar of the U.S. dollar. The British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

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Federal funds market rate	2.25
3-month bill	1.34
30-year mortgage	5.14

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

W.Va. senator thinks Kerry could win state

Byrd says Democratic presidential candidate needs to 'get a little coal dust on his hands'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John Kerry can win West Virginia's five electoral votes by going there and getting coal "dust on his hands and on his face," the state's senior senator said Sunday.

Also, said Sen. Robert Byrd, history's second longest-serving senator behind the late Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, "Always, always remember that sovereignty rests, John Kerry, sovereignty rests with the people of this country."

Appearing on NBC's "Meet the



Byrd

"I'm the son of a coal miner. I married a coal miner's daughter. I know a lot about coal," said the 86-year-old Byrd, whose Senate ca-

Press," Byrd was asked whether Kerry can win West Virginia, a state Democrat Al Gore lost to Republican Bush by 6 percentage points in 2000.

reer began in 1959, the year before John F. Kennedy's evocation of the plight of the West Virginia coal miner helped him win the presidency.

"Yes, coal is a dirty energy source, but look what we're trying to do. We're trying to clean it up. I've appropriated money over the years for coal research to make it cleaner," Byrd said.

"Yes, he can carry West Virginia. He will carry West Virginia if he continues to stand up for the liberties of the people," Byrd said.

"I've talked with him. I've told him he should go to West Virginia.

He should shake hands with the people. He should be at their level and get a little coal dust on his hands. Get some of that dirty dust on his hands and on his face and live in spirit with the working people of this country, the coal miners. And always, always remember that sovereignty rests,



Kerry

John Kerry, sovereignty rests with the people of this country."

The Kerry campaign reaffirmed the candidate's commitment to the state's miners and pointed out that he has proposed spending \$10 billion to improve clean coal technology.

"John Kerry saw firsthand the work of the miners of West Virginia when he went down in a mine in the spring, and he received the endorsement of Cecil Roberts and the UMW (United Mine Workers). His commitment to these workers is personal," said campaign spokesman David Wade.

Conservatives to protest protesters at GOP convention

By SARA KUGLER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Activists planning to demonstrate against the upcoming GOP convention should be on the lookout for young conservatives gearing up to protest the protesters.

"To show that there is a group of people out there, there are Republicans that will protest them right back," said Tom Paladino, who leads the New York chapter of the newly formed Protest Warriors.

"We are the right-wing freedom fighters — we are out there and are just as animated as the protesters can be," said member Jason Sager, of Brooklyn.

Protest Warriors, which claims about 3,000 members nationwide, expects about 200 in New York for the four-day convention, which begins Aug. 30 and is expected to draw tens of thousands of opponents of President Bush.

Leaders say they know they won't have equal representation, but they hope the contrast helps them stand out. They will be

armed with their own picket signs and T-shirts, even video cameras to capture their mission.

"It's going to be the protest Olympics. They're all going to be trying to outdo each other," said Kfir Alfia, of Austin, Texas, who formed the group last year with Alan Lipton after they crashed anti-war demonstrations in San Francisco, carrying signs that said: "Except for Ending Slavery, Fascism, Nazism and Communism, War Has Never Solved Anything."

Activists hurled signs at them and hissed

"Fascists!" as they marched along, Alfia and Lipton said. They said they were surprised to encounter animosity at a peace rally, and decided to publicize their experience.

This spring, the group protested anti-war rallies in several cities, including New York.

For now, Protest Warriors' convention plans are unclear because they depend on the anti-Bush groups. Some of those groups are still awaiting police permits for their demonstrations.




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Studies suggest diet, weight affect brain health

BY MALCOLM RITTER
The Associated Press

Eating vegetables such as broccoli and spinach may help older women retain some memory abilities later on, while avoiding obesity in middle age lowers the risk of later Alzheimer's disease in both sexes, new studies suggest.

The work mirrors prior evidence that people may help keep their brains healthy by following standard health advice, including things such as staying active and keeping cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure under control.

In fact, one of the new studies found evidence that obesity, high cholesterol and high blood pressure in middle age each added substantially to the risk of developing Alzheimer's or other dementia later on. Each problem roughly doubled the risk, and study participants with all three traits ran six times the risk of somebody without any of them, said researcher Dr. Milla Kivipelto of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

Kivipelto said the findings are encouraging because they suggest that lifestyle changes can help many people reduce their risk of dementia. She spoke in a telephone interview before presenting the work Monday in Philadelphia at the Ninth International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

Her study included 1,449 Finns whose body-mass index, which signals obesity, was calculated when they were around 50 years old.

When examined an average of 21 years later, 61 had developed dementia, mostly Alzheimer's. Results showed the risk of any dementia or Alzheimer's in particular roughly doubled with a BMI of more than 30 (considered obese), cholesterol of more than 250 or a blood pressure reading in which one of the numbers exceeded 140.

The effect appeared in both sexes, though the obesity factor was slightly stronger in women, Kivipelto said.

The findings make sense, said Deborah

Gustafson of the Medical College of Wisconsin. Gustafson had reported evidence that women who are overweight in their 70s had an increased risk of getting Alzheimer's, while the new work extends the finding back into middle age, she noted.

The other new study found that women in their 60s who habitually ate more cruciferous and green leafy vegetables than other women went on to show less overall decline on a bundle of tests measuring memory, verbal ability and attention when they were in their 70s.

Such foods include broccoli, cauliflower, romaine lettuce and spinach.

The federally-funded study didn't include men, but the effect would probably appear in them too, said Jae Hee Kang, an instructor at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston who presented the work. She stressed that the findings need to be confirmed by further studies.

Researchers focused on drop-offs in abilities such as remembering word lists after 15

minutes, naming as many animals as possible in one minute, and reciting a list of numbers backward. A pronounced decline may foreshadow Alzheimer's.

Kang and colleagues studied 13,388 nurses participating in a long-running health study. They compared the participants' questionnaires on long-term eating habits over a span of 10 years, when they were in their 60s, to their performance in two test sessions when they were in their 70s. Researchers noted how much the scores declined in the two years between sessions.

While most women in the study showed some decline, those who had habitually eaten the most cruciferous and green leafy vegetables showed less decline than those who ate the least, Kang said.

"It was almost like they were younger by one or two years in terms of their cognitive declining," Kang said in a telephone interview.

The effect of the vegetables probably comes from the antioxidants and B vitamins they contain, Kang said.

Quadriplegic beaten to death

SAN ANTONIO — One man is in custody and two others are being sought Monday in the beating death of a quadriplegic man inside a housing complex near the former Kelly Air Force Base. Three men and a woman also were hurt in the attack.

The 47-year-old quadriplegic's body was found Saturday morning on a bed in his ransacked apartment, with a pillow over his battered face. The victim, who EMS technicians said had died from serious

head trauma, was not identified pending notification of relatives.

Larry Salazar, 26, was arrested on a warrant Saturday.

Texas Water Safari winners

SEADRIFT, Texas — A six-man canoe team paddled down 260 grueling river miles faster than more than 120 competitors to win the annual Texas Water Safari on Sunday.

The canoe crossed the finish line in 33

hours and eight minutes, the third-fastest time since the first competition in 1963.

The race course, from San Marcos to Seadrift on San Antonio Bay via the San Marcos and Guadalupe rivers, is filled with hazards including logjams, alligators and water moccasins.

Taser safety questioned

PHOENIX — Medical examiners have found that Taser electric stun guns may have played a role in at least five deaths, contradicting the manufacturer's claim

that the weapons never killed or injured anyone, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Medical examiners in three cases involving suspects who died in police custody cited Tasers as a cause or a contributing factor in the deaths. The Arizona Republic reported. In two other cases, Tasers could not be ruled out as a cause of death.

Taser International has defended its product, which thousands of law enforcement agencies have issued to their officers to help subdue people who refuse to obey commands.

From The Associated Press

Schedule of Events

- 1000 Mikasa Park Gate opens to visitors
- 1000 to 1600 Ship Viewing
- 1000 to 1700 Car show in PSD parking lot
- 2000 Mikasa Gate closes. Visitors exit through Womble Gate.
- 2000 to 2030 Fireworks

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- カーショー
- 午後8時から午後8時30分まで 花火

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- フェイスペインティング
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- 青少年スポーツゲーム (日米共同によるもの)
- その他ゲームや飲食物などもり沢山

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FACES 'N' PLACES

Train song gets burst of superhero steam



Members of Train, from left, are bassist Charlie Colin, drummer Scott Underwood, guitarist Jimmy Stafford and leader singer Pat Monahan. Recently Colin has left the band.

California-based band hopes to snare more chart time with new tune in 'Spider-Man 2'

BY KENT KIMES
Knight Rider/Tribune

Two summers ago, Nickelback's Chad Kroeger and Saliva's Josey Scott crawled up the charts with the anthem-like single "Hero" from the blockbuster silver screen adaptation of Marvel Comics' "Spider-Man."

California-based rock band Train is hoping to spin the same type of superhero magic.

Train contributed the new song "Ordinary" to the "Spider-Man 2" flick, and the tune has been chosen as the first single from the accompanying soundtrack.

"(Frontman) Pat [Monahan] was invited to watch an advance screening of the movie to gear his mind toward the lyrics," said Train guitarist Jimmy Stafford.

"Ordinary" is inspired directly by the masked wall-crawler, but don't expect snippets of the kitschy "Spiderman/Spiderman/Does whatever a spider can" theme from the web-head's 1960s animated series to be incorporated.

There are some web-slashing allusions in the lyrics, Stafford said, as Monahan tried to capture the emotional conflict of young Peter Parker, who struggles to balance his normal life with the awesome responsibility of being a

"[The song is] about a kid who is too young to be put in his position. He wishes he was ordinary."

Jimmy Stafford
Train guitarist

superhero.

"It's about a kid who is too young to be put in his position," Stafford said. "He wishes he was ordinary."

Since breaking out of the San Francisco coffeehouse scene, Train has steadily built up steam with a string of hit singles, including "Meet Virginia," the Grammy-winning "Drops of Jupiter" and "Calling All Angels," which has spent 48 weeks on Billboard's Hot Adult Contemporary chart.

"Angels" wasn't a hit on the magnitude of 'Jupiter,' but they've become a reliable hot (Adult Contemporary) presence, and between those two songs and 'Meet Virginia,' they've proved that they have more than one song in them. This might be a heretical comparison for South Carolina,

but I think of them as this decade's Hootie (and the Blowfish)," said Sean Ross, vice president of music programming for Edison Media Research.

"They've also managed to string together three albums, which is an achievement these days. And, unlike Hootie, they haven't been so much of a radio presence that there's been a backlash against them."

Stafford said he has stopped paying attention to chart positions and album sales, instead focusing his energy on live performances, Train's real strength, he said.

The band is recording a live album set for an autumn release, Stafford said. "It seems like we've been known as a live band, and we've built our reputation on touring," he said.

Along the road to success, a couple of Train members, original guitarist Rob Hotchkiss and most recently bassist Charlie Colin, dismembered.

In their places are keyboard player Brendan Bush and former Black Crowes bassist Johnny Colt, both of whom will be extended official membership soon, Stafford said. "Pat, (drummer) Scott [Underwood] and myself have a lot invested in this band," Stafford said. "But we'll have something resolved by the end of summer."

Knight of the World Wide Web

The father of the World Wide Web was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II and said his revolutionary invention was the result of being in the right place at the right time.

"I suppose it's amazing when you think how many things people get involved in that don't work. It's very heartening that this one actually did," said Tim Berners-Lee, who was accompanied to the Buckingham Palace in London investiture by his wife and two children on Friday.

While working at CERN, the European Particle Physics Laboratory near Geneva in the late 1980s, Berners-Lee developed the architecture of the Internet — the Web system of servers and browsers — which he distributed free of charge.

British-born Berners-Lee, who is now based at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, said members of the royal family were no technophobes.

"I think the family are pretty knowledgeable about it," he said. "I've met the Duke [of Edinburgh] before and he was well aware of the history of IT."



Berners-Lee

Late singer's album to be released

Elliott Smith's final album, "from a basement on the hill," will be released Oct. 19, a year after his death, his estate has announced.

He died in his Los Angeles apartment on Oct. 21 at age 34 of knife wounds. Though it was widely speculated that he'd killed himself, tests were inconclusive in determining whether it was suicide or murder.

The album was assembled and mixed by longtime friends Rob Schnapf and Joanna Bolme. Schnapf produced Smith's last three albums, the most recent of which was 2000's "Figure 8."

Pulled together from three years of studio work, the album is largely comprised of material never before released. It features 15 tracks and will be released by independent label Anti-Records.

Smith's death only added to the dark, confessional nature of his songs. Long a critical favorite, his "Miss Misery," from 1997's "Good Will Hunting," was nominated for an Academy Award.

Affleck turns down film role of coach

Ben Affleck has ended negotiations with Walt Disney Pictures to play Texas Western basketball coach Don

Haskins in the movie "Glory Road."

"He's not going to do it," Ken Sunshine, a spokesman for Affleck, said Wednesday. "We're not going to get into any details. ... It will be a good project for somebody."

Haskins' 1966 team was the first ever to win a national title with five black starters.

"We're looking for other actors," said Claire Cooper, the movie's unit publicist. "We still plan to start production in August."

Haskins, who coached 38 years at the school now known as the University of Texas at El Paso, said last week he'd heard Affleck had yes to sign his deal.

"I'm disappointed, but I know they'll find the right person," Haskins said.

Trade journals reported Wednesday that Disney is considering Josh Lucas, who appeared in Ang Lee's "Hulk," "Sweet Home Alabama" and "A Beautiful Mind." Cooper said she couldn't confirm that Lucas is under consideration.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Affleck

OPINION

For Stewart, humility is never in fashion

BY SHERYL MCCARTHY

Newswatch

NEW YORK

For a woman as smart and talented as Martha Stewart, it's unfortunate that she never learned the value of being able to admit when she's been wrong, to apologize and walk away.

Instead, after Judge Miriam Cedarbaum sentenced her to five months in prison and five months under house arrest following her obstruction-of-justice trial, Stewart reacted with righteous indignation.

"This is a shameful day," she said outside the courthouse afterward. "Shameful for me and my family and my beloved company and all its employees and partners. What was a small, personal matter became an almost-fatal circus event of unprecedented proportions."

In other words, shame on the people who prosecuted her, and on the journalists who said nasty things about her, but no shame on herself for thinking she could lie to federal investigators about a stock sale, and get away with it.

"I have been choked and almost suffocated during that time," Stewart continued, professing that, through it all, she was more concerned about the others who were hurt by the scandal than she was about herself.

If I were Stewart, I would have admitted my unfortunate lapse in judgment, apolo-

gized for the misery I caused, and gone quietly off to prison. She could have been home by Christmas and about to start serving her five months of cushy house arrest in her mansion.

Instead, she was vowed to fight her conviction. As one Court TV reporter pointed out, even if she wins her appeal, she'll have to stand trial all over again. And because there's ample evidence that she did what she was convicted of, she will have wasted a lot more time and money. Better to just suck it up.

Stewart was right to say that the public latched onto her legal troubles with unseemly glee. But she was wrong to dismiss her offense as only "a small personal matter." It was her own hubris in believing she could get away with concocting a ridiculous alibi that led to the huge financial setbacks to Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia and resulted in the layoffs of 200 employees.

Given Stewart's refusal to take responsibility, I was glad Judge Cedarbaum didn't yield to the suggestion that, instead of going to prison, Stewart be allowed to do community service at a women's center in the Bronx, where low-income women make curtains and other household products. Because Stewart can do that kind of thing with her eyes closed, what kind of punishment would she have been given?

Stewart's stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, drew an identical term for conspiring with her. Which leaves Douglas Faneuil, the young broker's assistant who wound up being a pawn in the conspiracy between



the two of them. One of the biggest scandals of this case was how Stewart and Bacanovic tried to pin the responsibility for their actions onto this young man, who became the prosecution's chief witness against them.

Barred for life from ever again working in the financial services industry, Faneuil deserves nothing harsher than probation.

Stewart vowed that she'll "be back." She urged people not to shun her company's products because of what happened to her.

And, in fact, after the sentencing, her stock rose 37 percent. I glanced at a stack of "Martha Stewart Living" magazines on a colleague's desk. Sure enough, they were fabulous, filled with photographs of magnificent home furnishings and table settings and food that looked so good I wanted to eat it off the pages.

"Our magazines are great," Stewart had pleaded. "Our products are great. They deserve your support."

They were the truest words she said that day.

Ambassador bears no good will toward president

Joseph C. Wilson IV's shattered credibility illustrated the extent of what went wrong with the CIA, and with "mainstream" journalism.

Wilson's 15 minutes of fame began July 6, 2003, when he accused

Jack Kelly



President Bush of twisting the truth when he said in his State of the Union address that January, "The British government has learned that Saddam [Hussein] recently sought significant quantities of uranium in Africa."

Wilson, a former ambassador to Gabon, said he knew this wasn't true because in February

2002, the CIA had sent him to Niger to determine whether that enriched uranium had sold "yellowcake" (lightly enriched uranium ore) to Iraq. After spending eight days "drinking sweet mint tea and talking with dozens of people," he concluded that Niger had not.

Wilson's fame soared when columnist Robert Novak disclosed that a Bush administration official told him that Wilson had been selected for the Niger mission at the recommendation of his wife, CIA officer Valerie Plame. He was a frequent guest on television news shows, the subject of a fawning profile in Vanity Fair magazine, awarded a lucrative book deal, and became an (unpaid) foreign policy adviser to Sen. John Kerry. On July 9, 2004, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence issued its report on the CIA's pre-war intelligence on Iraq. The NSC concluded that:

"Wilson lied when he denied his wife had gotten him the Niger assignment. 'Interviews and documents provided to the Committee indicate that his wife... suggested his name for the trip.'"

"Wilson lied when he said his report 'debunked' Bush's charge that Saddam Hus-

sein was seeking uranium from Africa. "For most analysts, the information in [Wilson's] report lent more credibility to the original CIA reports on the uranium deal."

■ Wilson lied when he told The Washington Post he knew the Niger intelligence had been based on documents that had been forged. The CIA didn't obtain the document alleged to be a forgery until eight months after Wilson had returned from Niger. "Committee staff asked how the former ambassador could have come to the conclusion that 'the dates were wrong and the names were wrong' when he had never seen the CIA reports and had no knowledge of what names and dates were in the reports."

On July 14, the Butler Commission issued its report on Britain's pre-war intelligence. It concluded there was ample evidence that Saddam tried to buy uranium from Niger and other African countries, and that Bush's statement to that effect in his State of the Union address was "well-founded."

Wilson's charges against President Bush

last year were big news. But the fact that government investigations in two countries have concluded that it was Wilson who was lying apparently isn't news at all.

NBC had Wilson on its "Meet the Press" and "Today" programs half a dozen times when he was accusing President Bush of lying but, of this writing, have done no dates at all since the Senate Intelligence Committee and the Blair Commission have issued their reports. Same for ABC and CBS, according to the Media Research Center.

Wilson graced the cover of Time magazine's Oct. 13, 2003, issue, but Time managed to write a story on the Senate Intelligence Committee report without ever mentioning how it had savaged Wilson's credibility.

The Senate Intelligence Committee criticized the CIA's sloppy work in investigating the Saddam/Africa/uranium connection. All of its information came from foreign intelligence services.

Aside from Wilson's tea-drinking expedi-

tion, the CIA itself made little effort to gather information on this potentially critical topic. When the Navy received a report from an African businessman that uranium from Niger was being stored in a warehouse in Cotonou, Benin, the CIA didn't bother to check it out.

Some in the CIA may have been more interested in dismissing reports of an Iraq/Niger connection than in finding out if they were true. Valerie Plame told Senate investigators she told her husband "there's this crazy report" on a purported deal for Niger to sell uranium to Iraq.

If we're to win the war on terror, we need a CIA that is more interested in finding out what is going on than in reinforcing the prejudices of some analysts, and a news media that is more interested in finding the facts than in shilling for the Democratic Party.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Disputed appraisal

CA LOS ANGELES — The California Coastal Commission is questioning an appraisal that says Hearst Ranch is worth more than twice the \$95 million the state is being asked to pay to preserve it.

A Hearst attorney, however, says one of the commission employees raising the issue has a conflict of interest because she spoke out against the plan as a member of a conservation group.

Sarah Christie, legislative analyst for the commission, said the state's \$230 million appraisal of the scenic rangeland was inflated because it falsely assumed Hearst would be allowed to build more than 400 homes on the land if no preservation deal is reached. The commission, which regulates coastal development, said the state's Coastal Act would prohibit so much building.

Roger Lyon, an attorney for Hearst, said the \$230 million appraisal was conservative, and that most of the homes the company would have the right to build would be outside the commission's jurisdiction.

Heat causes power spike

TN KNOXVILLE — Southeastern residents trying to stay cool in the scalding summer heat pushed demand for Tennessee Valley Authority electricity to a new high, TVA said Wednesday.

The federal utility, which serves 8.5 million consumers in seven Southeastern states, set an all-time record at 6 p.m. EDT on Tuesday.

With the temperature across the valley averaging 92 degrees, demand for TVA power reached 29,878 megawatts.

The previous all-time mark was set in the winter — 29,866 megawatts on Jan. 24, 2003, when temperatures averaged 6 degrees.

The previous summer peak was 29,344 megawatts on Aug. 17, 2000.

Utility shutoff increase

RI PROVIDENCE — Utility shutoffs have hit levels not seen in seven years, with almost 11,000 customers losing their service due to nonpayment in the first half of 2004.

According to data compiled by the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, gas and electric companies shut off service to 10,889 customers by the end of June. That's the highest number since 1997, when there were 11,933 shutoffs by the end of June.

The figures for this year represent a 27 percent increase over the first six months of last year.

The number of households that have had service restored also has risen, but not at the same rate as shutoffs. For the year, about 60 percent of disconnected customers have been restored, compared with 62 percent last year, and 72.2 percent in 2002.

Homeless in Hawaii

HI HONOLULU — Hawaii's festering and growing home-



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lessness problem needs to be solved before it begins to affect the state's economy, tourist industry and land values, Gov. Linda Lingle said Thursday.

She told the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii's annual membership meeting that her administration hopes to develop a partnership among the government, the private sector and nonprofit organizations for a six-year plan to deal with the homelessness.

The target is to develop 17,000 lower-cost rental units statewide over the next five years.

"We've come dangerously close to accepting homelessness as a problem that we just can't solve," she said.

Her plan includes finding land suitable for affordable rental housing, increasing the state housing agency's bonding authority and increasing the standard deduction on state taxes.

Arrests in crime spree

CT NEW HAVEN — Police arrested two young men and implicated three others in a string of random shootings from stolen cars that injured five men.

Two men were arrested, and charges were expected against three others. All the alleged perpetrators have confessed, said Police Chief Francisco Ortiz.

Police said the suspects stole as many as three cars a night to take joyrides around the city. They somehow got a .22-caliber semiautomatic handgun, possibly left in



Jet head

A member of the Air Force One flight crew inspects one of the jet's engines in Tampa, Fla.

one of the stolen cars, police said.

"At some point when they were driving around, they decided to do something foolish," Ortiz said. "Somebody said, 'Let's go shoot somebody.'"

Drug ring broken up

IN EVANSVILLE — A federal grand jury has indicted 37 alleged drug dealers from four states who are accused of pouring cocaine, marijuana and heroin into southern Indiana.

Drug Enforcement Administration agent Armand McClintock announced the indictments and some arrests in the operation dubbed "Operation Hard Rock."

The indictments target three inter-connected drug rings operating in Evansville, Princeton and western Kentucky, said Susan Brooks, the U.S. attorney for southern Indiana.

Together, the drug rings moved, in street values, more than \$30 million in cocaine, \$1 million in marijuana and at least \$350,000 in heroin, Brooks said.

Pistol packin' in public

VA FAIRFAX — Some people are exercising their right to pack heat openly, baffling Fairfax County police.

Police recently received a 911 call from a restaurant in Reston.

Six men were seated at a table, the caller said. They were all armed.

Dispatchers quickly sent four officers to the restaurant. The officers were "extremely polite" and were hoping some of the men were in law enforcement, said Sgt. Richard Perez, a spokesman for the police department.

None was. The men told the officers "they were just exercising their rights as citizens of the commonwealth," Perez said.

Packing a pistol in public is legal in Virginia. And three times in the past month, residents have been spotted out and about in the county, with guns strapped to their hips.

Copcat air sickness

MD LINTHICUM — An ill passenger aboard a flight from Houston whose distress induced "sympathy nausea" in three other passengers triggered an emergency response when the plane landed at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, airport and airline officials say.

Ambulance crews from neighboring counties, BWI's fire and rescue service, a hazmat team and medical personnel greeted Southwest Flight 1283 when it landed at 10:26 p.m. Thursday after the pilot notified an in-flight emergency assistance service of the passengers' illness.

Because it was initially unclear what caused the illness, hazmat teams examined the craft and found no abnormalities, Ellison said.

Matt Haffner, regional director for Southwest, said air samples were taken, but no contaminants were found.



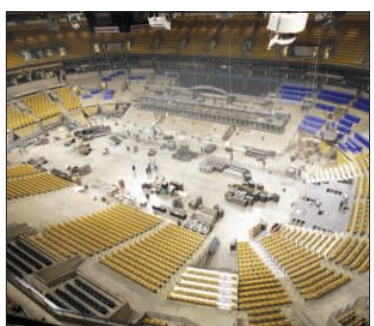
Rainy opening

Dark skies and a large downpour did not keep visitors away from the grand opening of Chicago's new \$475 million Millennium Park. At left, a child's face is projected from one of two 50-foot glass towers featuring the faces of 1,000 Chicagoans on either side of the Crown Fountain, designed by Spanish sculptor Jaume Plensa.



Washed out

Employee Mike McCarty surveys the damage to the Valley Hi Golf Course in Colorado Springs, Colo., after it was flooded by heavy rains.



Dems on the way

Construction continues on the interior of the FleetCenter in Boston in preparation for the July 26-29 Democratic National Convention. The arena seats 18,400, and has a full-screen, three-foot-high video display that rings the arena with messages and other announcements, and high-definition broadcasts to the screens within the arena.



Great view

A hot-air balloon soars over southern Dutchess County, N.Y., at sunrise. Balloons came to the region for the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce Balloon Festival.



Scenic ride

Riding past with her door open, a girl waves at a deer on a road Saturday in Valley Forge National Historical Park in Valley Forge, Pa.



Standing tall

The Swiss Reinsurance Headquarters in London, which stands 590 feet tall, is part of the "Tall Buildings" for the 21st century exhibition at MoMA Queens in New York, which features scale models of 25 skyscrapers.



Finding the hot spot

The Mountain Village, Alaska, type II crew walks through an area burned by the Boundary Fire looking for hot spots along the Steese Highway at Mile 31 near Fairbanks, Alaska.

Gator used as weapon

FL PORT ORANGE — A man hit his girlfriend with a 3-foot alligator and threw beer bottles at her during an argument in the couple's mobile home, authorities said.

David Havenner, 41, faces misdemeanor charges of battery and possession of an alligator.

The alligator, which Havenner had been keeping in his bathtub, was turned over to Florida wildlife officials.

Nancy Monico, 39, told investigators that Havenner beat her with his fists, then grabbed the alligator and swung it at her as she tried to escape, sheriff's spokesman Gary Davidson said. She said the animal hit her at least once. She also told authorities that Havenner threw empty beer bottles at her, Davidson said.

Havenner's version of the story differed. He told investigators that Monico bit his hand because she was upset that they had run out of alcohol.

Salmon to be subsidized

AK ANCHORAGE — Pacific salmon fishermen in Alaska and Washington state will soon be getting federal subsidy checks of up to \$10,000 to make up for foreign-farmed fish driving down market prices.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency — which has until now mainly provided price support for farmers — is paying the subsidies for the first time through the Trade Adjustment Assistance program.

An increase in imports in farmed salmon, particularly from Chile, caused the price of an Alaska commercial fishermen's catch to drop from a five-year average of 40 cents a pound to 26 cents a pound in 2002, USDA officials said.

In Washington, the five-year average price was 91 cents a pound. It fell to 59 cents in 2002.

"This is an attempt by the USDA to provide for some market loss due to foreign competition," said Jim Fitzgerald, Washington state executive director for the Farm Service Agency. "You can call that a subsidy. I sort of lean toward a market loss."

Suspect in mall rapes

WI MADISON — Authorities have charged a man they believe raped as many as two dozen mall workers from 1999 to 2001.

James D. Perry, 34, who is being held in the county jail, was charged with two of the mall attacks Thursday and was also charged with more than two dozen sexual assaults of small children, many of which he allegedly captured on video.

He already faces sentencing in federal court after pleading guilty to creating child pornography.

Investigators said they connected Perry to the mall rape cases after he allegedly tried to abduct a girl at gunpoint from a hotel in February. Prosecutors say his image was captured on the hotel's security surveillance camera.

Days later in a separate child pornography investigation, the

FBI arrested Perry at his home and seized videotapes and CD-ROMs that allegedly show the child sexual assaults, which involve five victims under age 13.

In all, Perry, of Stoughton, was charged with 41 felony counts — including false imprisonment and kidnapping.

The so-called mall rapist attacked female mall workers in Madison parking lots or as they worked alone in their stores.

Bad gamble

NJ ELMWOOD PARK — A bookie sent prostitutes to the homes of gamblers in four states and let them collect their winnings in sex, police said.

Police Chief Don Ingrassellino said that Salvatore Teodoro used prostitutes — two of them minors — to deliver winnings to bettors in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

The gamblers were then given the choice of taking their winnings in sex or cash or a combination of the two.

"It brought up his profit margins a bit," Ingrassellino said.

Teodoro, 46, also was accused of kidnapping and other charges for tying up a man he correctly suspected was a police informant and threatening to shoot him and break his legs with a baseball bat.

Car, horse collide

CA MERCED — A man was killed when the car in which he was a passenger struck a horse, smashing the animal through his window and causing fatal injuries.

Barbara Eicker, 52, was driving Roland Ramirez, 62, southbound on a dark stretch of Highway 49 when she saw several people waving their arms along the side of the road, the California Highway Patrol reported.

Eicker saw four horses in her lane and slowed down but was unable to stop. A dark-colored horse struck the passenger-side hood and windshield.

The horse partially entered Ramirez's side of the car, killing him.

Septic tank death

FL TAMPA — A man who fell into sewage after he was overwhelmed by methane fumes while cleaning a septic tank has died.

Kermit Dale Lancaster was recovered by rescuers who labored more than half an hour to pull Lancaster out of the tiny space filled with sewage at an apartment building.

Lancaster, 67, was cleaning out the septic tank's lift station when methane gas fumes overwhelmed him.

As he began to feel the effects of the fumes, he called for help, then passed out and slipped into the sewage, said police spokesman Joe Durkin.

Durkin said Lancaster had not been wearing any protective equipment to guard against the methane fumes.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Horoscope

It's the last full day of the sun's journey through Cancer.

Hopefully, all the cooing of the past few weeks has been rejuvenating. Home never felt so cozy. Spend some time there, gratefully accepting all those belongings in our surroundings that simulate security and comfort. Of course, the real comfort comes from inside.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(July 21). Your accomplishments are impressive this year, and singles will meet a dream partner in a school-like setting. Love starts tenderly but gets wildly passionate as winter rolls near. Lucky love signs are Capricorn and Virgo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're sure of who you are, and everyone wants to be near someone like that. Numerous offers have you feeling like the most popular person on Earth. But at some point, it's more hectic than fun. Plan some time to slow down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you're not usually one to follow any subject considered to many to be frivolous, new interests will surprise you and shake up your usual sensibility. Loved ones bond by venturing into strange territory together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not only in a loving mood; you're in an adoring mood that verges on co-dependency. This is a good day to reinforce to yourself that your future happiness is not hinging on one particular person. Exert your independence.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a day of contradictions. You'll be chuckling inwardly, and your amusement seems to give the world more dimension and life. What you see is probably not what you get, but in time, what you get could prove more relevant.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The colors of your world may seem to be repeating in an endless bland pattern. It's definitely time to change.

things. If you've been considering travel, now is the time to do it. You'll find kindred spirits along your path.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're tempted to take a leisurely pace, but converting business alliances before noon will

produce a happy bank account! Exercise! The hardest part is the first 10 minutes. Get past that, and you're on your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're feeling open minded and not tied to seeing things one way or the other. This is a perfect day to look at art or listen to music — you may have an epiphany! Financially, this is a powerful day when results are immediate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Celebrate your friendships and all they bring to your life. Your light bonds may produce predictable outcomes, but it's never boring. Open communication brings new trust. Tonight, pen diary notes and random musings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You magnitize what you want, though you might not consciously know what that is. Do some soul searching! Sagittarius people traditionally want what they can't have, so try to be more realistic and honest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Reality sets in soon enough, so indulge yourself in the creative fluff around the edges of real life. At work, you may feel you're navigating a political obstacle course and having to use your most diplomatic instincts as a guide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). After a bout of waning motivation, you're ready to kick into a higher productivity bracket. Social participation will be key to getting your drive back. You are marvelous at entertaining, and your talents are in high demand.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It may be easier for you to focus on your fantasies and projections than your reality. When memory clouds and the details fall away, all that remains is a feeling. It's truly a time when you can re-write history.

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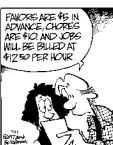
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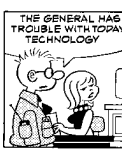
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Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Red and Rover



Better or Worse



Peanuts



Psychologist just trying to help

Dear Abby: I have been seeing a psychologist for three years about anxiety and the trauma of my parents' divorce. Every session has been about how school is and whatnot.

About a year ago, I had my first real relationship. We are still involved.

In a recent session, my psychologist asked me how my sex life is. Mind you, I'm only 18. I felt very embarrassed and told him this was none of his business.

Was this appropriate, or do you think he was coming on to me? I look back and realize the position I was in if he was making advances.

There is no receptionist in the office—only he and I in the whole place. I'm concerned about going back. Can you give me some insight?

—Concerned in Massachusetts

Dear Concerned: Considering the fact that you have been in an

exclusive relationship for about a year, I'd say the question was legitimate. After three years of therapy, I would assume that by now you had established enough trust to confide just about anything.

Your therapist needs to know that you felt this need of and made you uncomfortable. So, consider telling him that you might feel more at ease if he referred you to a female therapist. Also, your sessions should have gone far beyond making small talk about "school and whatnot."

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: Some friends and I gather for dinner and fellowship about twice a month. The problem is, one woman is a very finicky eater, and she turns up her nose when something is served and makes comments like, "That doesn't even look good—what's in it?"

I've found new employment, thank goodness, but my question is, how do I recover emotionally from this bullying, and should I go after this large bureaucracy legally for ignoring my pleas for intervention? I am not sure that I am strong enough emotionally for a long, legal battle, but I hate to see them get away with this abuse.

—Ex-Law Enforcement Civilian in Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sacramento: Are these juvenile women still in grade school? Ask your doctor to refer you to a counselor who will help manage your stress levels, and then talk to a lawyer. Even if you are unable to handle a legal battle, the mere threat of a lawsuit is often enough to get results.

Dear Annie: A few months ago, I celebrated my 19th birthday by inviting a dozen or so people out to dinner. I discussed it with a few close friends, and

The one we have heard all too often is, "That doesn't even sound good."

Most of the time we try to please her by preparing something she likes, like hot dogs or fried chicken.

Frankly, I'm sick of it. Would it be rude to prepare something scrumptious like coconut shrimp with orange sauce knowing that she won't eat it, but everyone else will, and tell her there are hot dogs in the fridge and buns in the breadbox and to just help herself?

—Had it in Nashville

Dear Had it: No more rude than what she's doing to you. The alternative would be to tell her in advance what you will be serving so she can opt out or bring her own food if she chooses.

P.S. What's your address? If I'm in the neighborhood, I'd love to sample the cuisine.

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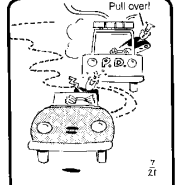
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Yesterday's Jumbles: OCTET SUAVE FACTOR MALADY

Answer: Why she spurred on the shoes — A SALE WAS AFOOT

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Agron

The \$69,999 top has been DISCONTINUED



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Workplace bullies unacceptable

Dear Annie: I just left my job of 16 years after being bullied by two female coworkers for two years. I had items thrown at me, doors slammed in my face, shoulders "accidentally" snatched into mine as they walked by, and all my personal items rearranged while I was sick at home.

The leader of these bullies is in her late 50s, and the other one is over 40. I can't understand why anyone would want to make the workplace so miserable. I tried turning the other cheek, but when my blood pressure became dangerously elevated, and my blood sugar dropped me into unconsciousness on several occasions, I decided I'd had enough and moved—much sooner than I had planned.

I gave up a nice pension in order to get out with my health and sanity intact. There were at least two written complaints filed and countless verbal complaints made to management, with no

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results. I have found new employment, thank goodness, but my question is, how do I recover emotionally from this bullying, and should I go after this large bureaucracy legally for ignoring my pleas for intervention? I am not sure that I am strong enough emotionally for a long, legal battle, but I hate to see them get away with this abuse.

—Ex-Law Enforcement Civilian in Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Annie: A few months ago, I celebrated my 19th birthday by inviting a dozen or so people out to dinner. I discussed it with a few close friends, and

we decided that everyone would buy their own meal.

I chose a nice restaurant that we would usually go to, but it wasn't terribly expensive.

I enjoy your column and know that you feel it is inappropriate to invite people out and then hand them a check. And I agree. But we are all college students, and none of us can afford to treat the others. I bought everyone appetizers and supplied the dessert at the end of the evening, but I still wonder if it was enough.

Was I an inconsiderate hostess, or was it appropriate given the age group and casualness?

—Seeking Your Approval in Dallas

Dear Dallas: Here's the way it works—you don't surprise your guests with an invoice. If they know beforehand that they each will be picking up their own tab, and they agree with the venue, it is perfectly OK to split the bill.

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Family Circus



"Wish they had something like this between our house and the school."

GRAFFITI

MIDDLEAGE IS WHEN THOSE LIFETIME WARRANTS START TO WEAR OUT

NARA 1/21

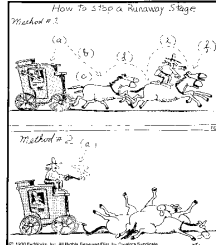
Dennis the Menace



"DON'T WORRY, DENNIS. THERE ARE NO BEARS WITHIN MILES OF THIS PLACE."

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The Far Side



From the book Guide to Western Staff

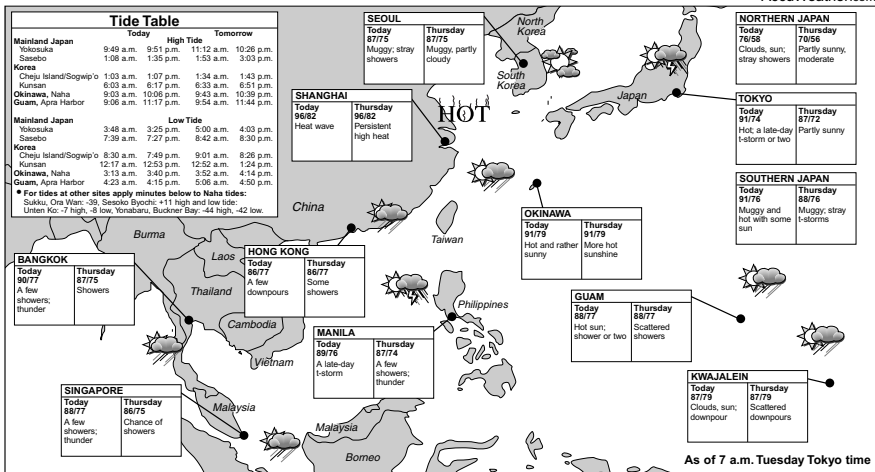
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The Pacific Forecast



As of 7 a.m. Tuesday Tokyo time

Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 82, low 74.
 Saturday: Mostly cloudy, high 85, low 76.

KADENA

Friday: Partly sunny, high 89, low 79.
 Saturday: Partly sunny, high 89, low 77.

SEOUL

Friday: Partly sunny, high 90, low 73.
 Saturday: Thunder of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 71.

MANILA

Friday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 78.
 Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 76.

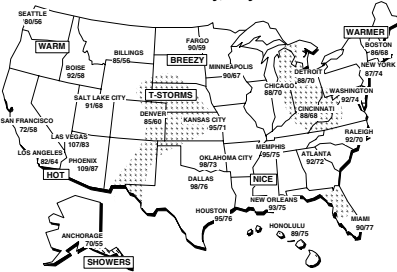
HAGATNA

Friday: Showers, high 86, low 75.
 Saturday: Showers, high 88, low 77.

Monday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	92/70	Los Angeles	92/69
Amarillo	90/67	Little Rock	91/69
Anchorage	72/57	Louisville	87/69
Asheville	82/58	Miami	90/76
Baltimore	84/65	Milwaukee	84/67
Birmingham	89/66	Nashville	88/67
Bismarck	85/63	New York	80/71
Boise	95/67	Omaha	93/74
Boston	73/65	Orlando	87/73
Brownsville	98/76	Philadelphia	83/68
Buffalo	78/63	Phoenix	108/90
Burlington	80/63	Pittsburgh	77/61
Charleston, SC	90/71	Portland, OR	80/62
Charlotte	89/64	Portland, ME	71/60
Cleveland	79/63	Salt Lake City	92/69
Columbus, OH	83/64	St. Louis	88/72
Duluth	84/61	San Antonio	98/74
El Paso	103/77	San Diego	81/69
Hartford	78/64	San Juan	89/76
Helena	89/64	Tampa	86/76
Indianapolis	86/66	Tulsa	95/72
Jacksonville	91/71	Washington	84/69
Kansas City	93/72	Wichita	96/73

Wednesday, July 21



U.S. Extended Forecast

The Southwest U.S. will remain quite hot under sunshine from high pressure that settled over the area Wednesday. This hot weather will likely extend into Thursday and Friday, and could be as far reaching as southern Idaho and Oregon. The northern Plains will have a transition from seasonably warm weather to much cooler conditions by Friday with the passing of a cold front; there could be a few showers and storms late Wednesday into Thursday from this front. This same front will move eastward late Thursday into Friday, to the Northeast, and will spark showers and thunderstorms from New England southward to the Carolinas; otherwise, Wednesday and Thursday will be dry and quite warm in the Southeast.

Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	87/71	Saitama	89/76
Beijing	86/72	Kadena AB	89/76
Camp Casey	87/72	Kunsan AB	86/76
Christchurch	48/31	Kwajalein	87/79
Diego Garcia	84/76	Manila	89/76
Hagatna	88/77	Misawa AB	86/74
Hanoi	86/75	Osan	88/74
Hong Kong	86/77	Perth	83/69
Honolulu	89/75	Pusan	86/76

Wednesday's World Temperatures

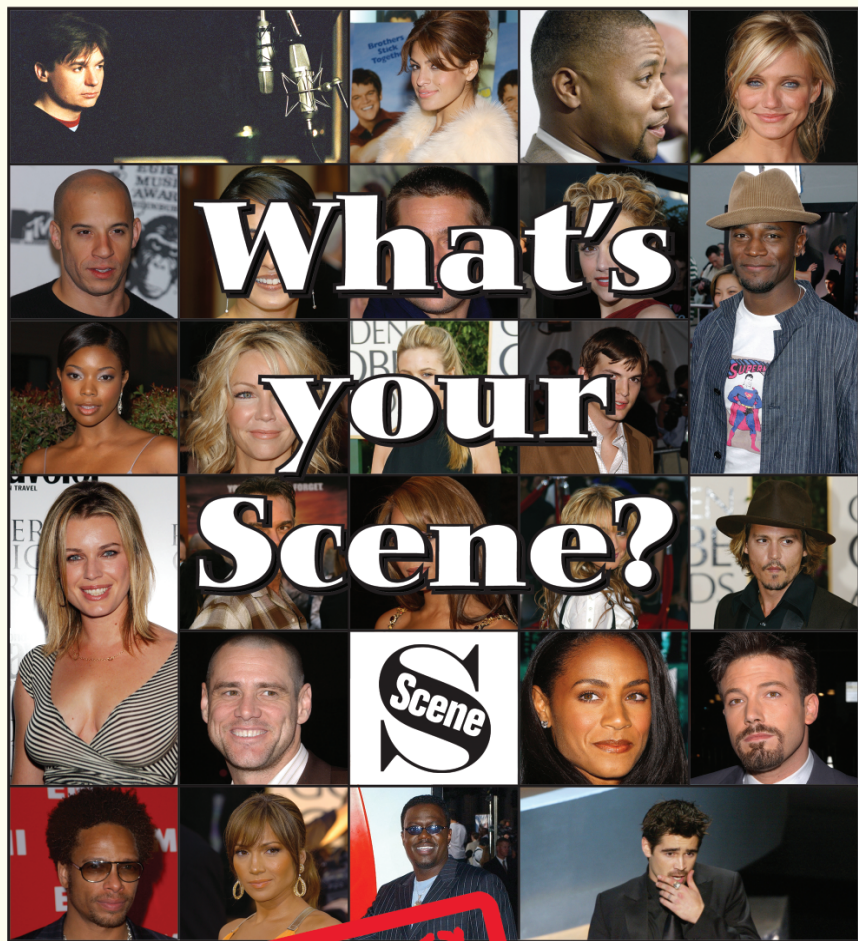
CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	89/76	Budapest	94/71	Kabul	89/63	Nairobi	75/50
Athens	88/70	Buenos Aires	83/54	Kiev	80/62	New Delhi	101/87
Auckland	53/44	Cairo	99/69	Kuwait	115/84	Oslo	70/47
Baghdad	117/83	Cancun	85/73	London	69/55	Paris	70/55
Barbados	88/72	Cape Town	68/46	Madrid	95/71	Rio de Janeiro	66/54
Barcelona	81/68	Geneva	80/65	Mexico City	72/54	Rome	88/68
Berlin	79/58	Istanbul	80/63	Montreal	82/50	St. Petersburg	73/54
Bermuda	87/74	Jerusalem	88/66	Mogadishu	85/72	Stockholm	71/55
Brussels	67/55	Johannesburg	70/46	Moscow	77/56	Warsaw	68/68



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SCOREBOARD

AFN schedule

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Television

AFN-Atlantic

WED., July 22, at 10 a.m. — Pro baseball: New York Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox. Pro boxing: Mike Tyson vs. Buster Douglas. **THU., July 23, at 10 a.m.** — Pro baseball: Milwaukee Brewers vs. St. Louis.

AFN-FSops

WED., July 22, at 3 a.m. — Pro baseball: St. Louis vs. Chicago Cubs. **THU., July 23, at 3 a.m.** — Pro baseball: Florida vs. N.Y. Mets. **FRI., July 24, at 11 a.m.** — Pro baseball: San Diego vs. Colorado (jointed in progress). **WED., July 22, at 4 a.m.** — Cynling: Tour de France, 15th stage. **THU., July 23, at 3 a.m.** — Pro baseball: Los Angeles vs. Houston. **FRI., July 24, at 3 a.m.** — Pro baseball: Cincinnati vs. Chicago Cubs. **SAT., July 25, at 11 a.m.** — Pro baseball: Anaheim vs. Texas. **SUN., July 26, at 11 a.m.** — Pro baseball: San Francisco vs. St. Louis. **MON., July 27, at 4 a.m.** — Cynling: Tour de France, 16th stage. **TUE., July 28, at 4 a.m.** — Mexico's soccer: Australia vs. Team USA. **WED., July 29, at 3 a.m.** — Pro baseball: Anaheim vs. Texas.

Tennis

Mercedes-Benz Cup

Sunday
At The Los Angeles Tennis Center
Los Angeles
Purse: \$350,000 (Tier II Series)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Tommy Haas, Germany, def. Nicolas Pietrangeli, Germany, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Doubles

Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Wayne Arthurs and Paul Stanley, (2), Australia, 6-3, 6-4.

Bank of the West Classic

Sunday
At The Taube Tennis Center
Stanford
Purse: \$550,000 (Tier II)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Lindsay Davenport (2), United States, def. Jennifer Capriati (1), United States, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 7-6 (4).

Doubles

Ellen Davenport, Geraldine Nicolle Pratt (2), United States, def. Nicole Pietrangeli, Andre Agassi, and Claudia Schaud, Luxembourg, 6-3, 6-4.

General Open

Sunday
At Kitzbühler Tennis Club
Kitzbühler
Purse: \$94,700 (Tier II, Gold)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Alejandro Galan, Colombia, def. Adrian Garcia, Chile, 6-3, 6-4.
Yuri Shukin, Russia, def. Johannes Agre, Austria, 6-3, 6-4.
Franco Squitieri, Argentina, def. Paul Henri Reich, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-4.
Frankie Krueger, Czech Republic, def. Peter Horner, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-4.
Werner Eschauer, Austria, def. Thomas Muster, Austria, 6-3, 6-4.
Mariano Panatta, Argentina, def. Nicolas Pietrangeli, Italy, 6-3, 6-4.
Pavel Lukac, Australia, def. Alexander Panatta, Italy, 6-3, 6-4.
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Juan-Pablo Guzman, Argentina, 6-3, 6-4.
Oscar Hernandez, Spain, def. Albert Portet, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.
Yuri Shukin, Russia, def. Johannes Agre, Austria, 6-3, 6-4.
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First Round

20k walk — 1, Tim Smeaton, 2, John Nunn, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

Track and field

U.S. Olympic qualifiers

(x-must reach minimum standard to be placed on team)

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High jump — 1, Jamie Nieto, 2, Matt Hemmings, 3, Jera Harris, 4, Timothy Mack, 5, Toby Stevenson, 6, Derek Miles, 7, Adam Nelson, 8, Ian Walz, 9, John Gordin, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94,

Devers, Webb cap final day of U.S. track and field trials

Edwards' doping case could alter team makeup

By BOB BAUM

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The U.S. track and field team is almost set for the Athens Olympics.

The Olympic trials concluded Sunday with triumphs by the sport's young stars. Allyson Felix in the women's 200 meters and Alan Webb in the 1,500.

And victories by some old pros — Stacy Dragila in the pole vault and Gail Devers in the 100 hurdles.

The 37-year-old Devers, who prefers the term "seasoned" to describe her age, is set to become the third U.S. track and field athlete — joining Carl Lewis and Willy White — to compete in five Olympics.

Still to be determined are the final rosters for the women's 100 and 200, because Tori Edwards is fighting a doping offense.

Edwards finished third in the 200 to earn her second spot for Athens. She won the 100 on the most recent weekend.

In between, she acknowledged she tested positive at a meet in Martinique for a banned stimulant. She said she ingested glucose that, unbeknownst to her, included the stimulant as an additive.

Her voice cracked with emotion as she spoke following Sunday's race.

"I've been through a tough last week for me dealing with all this," she

said. "I am innocent and I am going to go and fight my case."

An arbitration panel hearing on her case is scheduled Monday in Orange County. That decision could take a week or more, then either Edwards or the International Association of Athletics Federations could take the case to an international arbitration panel, where the finding would be binding.

Meanwhile, Devers waits to find out whether she will move onto the team in the 100, where she finished fourth in the trials.

She could compete in both events, or drop out of the 100 to concentrate on the hurdles. She is two-time Olympic gold medalist in the 100, but has never medaled in the hurdles, even though it's her best event.

"There's no decision to be made at this point. I'm going to go home and pray on it," she said. "If a decision is to be made, I'm going to let God make that decision for me."

If Devers ends up making the 100 field, then withdrawals, Marion Jones would be in the 100 in Athens to defend her gold medal, even though she was fifth in the final in Sacramento. LaShaunte Moore, the fourth-place finisher in the 200, would take Edwards' place in that event.

Felix, at 18 the youngest member of the U.S. team, ran the second-fastest 200 in the world this year at 22.18 seconds. She was

among a group of young athletes who made the U.S. team, bringing fresh faces to the bedraggled sport's biggest stage.

"It's just great to have so many young people on this Olympic team," she said. "I'm in great company. There's so many of us, and we're all excited, passionate and we're just ready to go."

Among those youngsters headed to Greece is the 21-year-old Webb, who broke Jim Ryun's 37-year-old mark with the fastest mile on U.S. soil by an American.

On Sunday, Webb burst from the field with a 55-second third lap, a move that stunned his competitors. Thanks to a slow early start, Webb's time was only 3:36.13.

"I knew that once I made my move, that would be it, and it would be over," Webb said. "With all this to go, I knew I'd broken them."

Dragila won the pole vault at 15 feet, 7 inches, then took three unsuccessful shots at a record 16-foot.

"I was feeling that good and I wanted to see if I had it in my bag



Two-time Olympic 100-meter champion Gail Devers, 37, won the 100 hurdles on Sunday at the U.S. Olympic trials.

of goods today," Dragila said. "But then the wind started shifting. I thought I could do it with the smaller pole. I gave it a good shot."

She will go to Athens to defend her gold medal against young Russian stars Svetlana Fedanova and Yelena Isinbayeva.

"I'm not done yet," Dragila said.

Edwards was the only athlete facing drug allegations to make the Olympic team.

Three of the "BALCO Four" — Tim Montgomery, Alvin Harrison and Chryste Gaines — failed to qualify for the team. The fourth, Michelle Collier, withdrew from the meet, citing a hamstring injury. The four have not

tested positive but are accused based on evidence gathered in the criminal probe of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

Alvin Harrison's twin brother Calvin, who tested positive for a stimulant, also failed to make the team. Distance runner Regina Jacobs tested positive for a steroid and was banned from the sport for two years, one day after announcing her retirement from the sport.

There were reports this week that Mickey Grimes and Larry Wade also had tested positive for steroids. Grimes was seventh in the 200 final on Sunday. Wade, the world's third-fastest 110-meter hurdler this year, withdrew from the trials with an arm injury.

Twentysomethings earn spots on U.S. women's gymnastics squad

By EDDIE PELLIS

The Associated Press

NEW WAVERLY, Texas — There's a simple way to describe most 26-year-old female gymnasts: retired.

Mohini Bhardwaj and Annia Hatch are on a different career path, though.

These 20-somethings broke the mold and proved a lot of people wrong Sunday, each capping off unlikely comebacks to win spots on the American Olympic gymnastics team.

"All these girls have been working for this for four years. I've been working for it for 12," Bhardwaj said, her tears of joy just starting to dry after her Olympic quest was realized.

Bhardwaj, who turns 26 in September, is going to her first Olympics, almost eight years after beginning the sport.

Hatch, 26, also is going to the first time, even after a five-year retirement.

Both are happy they are at another try.

"I think it's just a love of the sport," Hatch said. "I enjoy it. I have fun. To keep going and improve yourself every day, that's what makes it fun."



Annia Hatch, 26, will compete in her first Olympics after earning a spot on the U.S. gymnastics team on Sunday.

Joining them on the team are Courtney McCool, Terin Humphrey and co-national champions Carly Patterson and Courtney Kupets. Kupets conceded she's never even met Bhardwaj until the Olympic trials last month.

"I've always known who she

was, though," Kupets said of Bhardwaj, whose training is funded by former "Baywatch" star Pamela Anderson.

Selected as alternates were Tasha Schwiartz, the only hold-over from the 2000 Olympic team; Chelsie Mennel, a double gold medalist in last summer's world championships; and Allyse Ishino. Left off the team completely was Hollie Vise, also a double gold medalist in the world championships.

Schwartz (Achilles'), Mennel (foot) and Vise (back) were slowed by injuries this summer.

"It's just a sign of how much talent we have," national team coordinator Martha Karolyi said. "You have to be in shape when the time comes."

After the team was announced, USA Gymnastics selected Kelli Hill, who coaches Kupets, as head coach of the team. She was a coach in 2000, when the United States team finished fourth.

The announcement Sunday capped a grueling process.

After already going through the national championships and Olympic trials, 13 gymnasts came to one final two-day competition at the Karolyi ranch in the middle of San Houston State Forest.

There was so much tension, that even the competition at Athens' Olympic Indoor Hall might not rival it.

The sweltering gym was packed with about 300 recreational gymnasts and their coaches, all lucky enough to have enrolled in Bela Karolyi's camp this week.

The gym was so crowded, scores of fans had to be turned away. Some stayed anyway, pressing their faces against the glass door in hopes of catching a glimpse of the team that will be favored to win gold in Athens.

"The girls who made it proved they can perform under any conditions," Martha Karolyi said.

When the competition ended, Martha Karolyi, the other two members of the selection committee and USA Gymnastics President Bob Carrarossi huddled to make their choices. Karolyi said it took only 10 minutes to decide the team, but they had to wait another two hours because the announcement was live on television.

When Bhardwaj heard her name, she started crying. The 11-time All-American at UCLA had to duck her head as she walked to exchange hugs with her teammates.

"It's been a long, rolling, stressful ride," Bhardwaj said. "I'm glad it's over. I don't think it's really hit me yet."

Then it was Hatch's turn. A wide grin spread across her face as she looked toward her husband and coach, Alan, and she, too, cried as she hugged her teammates.

Hatch won seven national titles in her native Cuba as well as a bronze medal on vault in the 1996 world championships. She qualified for the Atlanta Olympics that year, but Cuba didn't have enough money to send her.

She retired soon after and moved to Connecticut to marry Alan, who she met at the 1996 world championships. She didn't think about competing again until Alan told her in 2001 that an old teammate was back in the gym after having a baby. The next day, Hatch was in the gym, with dreams of representing her adopted country in the Olympics.

She had another setback last summer, when she blew out her knee the day before the world championships began. But she'd come too far to stop.

Did she ever consider giving up? "No," she said. "I love gymnastics too much."

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division	P	W	L	GB
New York	57	33	633	
Boston	50	40	569	7
Tampa Bay	47	47	484	13
Chicago	46	48	525	14
Toronto	35	57	429	18 1/2

Central Division	P	W	L	GB
Chicago	48	43	527	1/2
Minnesota	48	43	527	1/2
Cleveland	44	47	484	4 1/2
St. Louis	44	47	484	4 1/2
Kansas City	35	57	382	13 1/2

West Division	P	W	L	GB
Oakland	50	40	556	2 1/2
Seattle	49	41	567	3 1/2
San Francisco	36	57	378	18 1/2

Sunday's games	P	W	L	GB
Detroit 4, N.Y. Yankees 3 (Gonzalez 3)				
Boston 6, Anaheim 5 (Cabrera 3)				
Chicago 3, Oakland 2 (Cabrera 3)				
Seattle 7, Toronto 5 (Torres 3)				

Monday's games	P	W	L	GB
Minnesota at Detroit				
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay				
Chicago White Sox at Texas				
Baltimore at Kansas City				
Boston at Seattle				
Cleveland at Anaheim				
Toronto at Oakland				

Tuesday's games	P	W	L	GB
Baltimore (Cabrera 7-3) at Kansas City (Gonzalez 3)				
N.Y. Yankees (Conteras 7-3) at Tampa Bay (Zimberoff 5)				
Toronto (Bushi 0-1) at Oakland (Hendrix 6)				
Cleveland (Westbrook 6-5) at Anaheim (Weidman 4-1)				
Boston (Love 7-1) at Seattle (Pineiro 5-10)				
Minnesota (Lincecum 3-7) at St. Louis (Boggs 3-1)				
Chicago White Sox (Garland 7-4) at Texas (Waddell 1-1)				

Wednesday's games	P	W	L	GB
Baltimore at Boston				
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland				
Kansas City at Detroit				
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees				
Anaheim at Texas				
Seattle at Minnesota				
Oakland at Seattle				

Thursday	P	W	L	GB
St. Louis, Yankees 2				

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Shifflett cf	4:02	Borgcz 3b	4:01	0	0	0	0	0
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With a little help, Mulder gets No. 13

Schilling wins 12th as Boston beats Anaheim

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OAKLAND, Calif. — Mark Mulder needed just a little help in polishing off his latest victory. So he handed the ball over to closer Octavio Dotel for the last two outs.

"I knew Mulder could finish," Dotel said with a laugh. "But I need some work, too."

Mulder pitched three-hit ball into the ninth inning Sunday to become the first 13-game winner in the majors and Bobby Crosby hit a two-run homer to help the Oakland Athletics to a 5-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Mulder (13-2) won his 11th consecutive decision, outpitching Esteban Loaiza in a matchup of All-Stars. The left-hander, who struck out eight and walked two, hasn't lost in 14 starts since April 28.

"It just seems everything is going right for me. The best way to describe it is getting just enough runs. Or they score a handful of runs, I don't pitch well. When I pitch well, we win 2-1," Mulder said.

Jermaine Lee's second double of the game drove in Eric Chavez from first base in the sixth. Two outs later, Crosby connected off Loaiza (8-5) for his 12th homer of the season. The ball glanced off the glove of center fielder Aaron Rowand and over the fence, giving Oakland a 4-3 lead.

"When my body hit the wall it jarred my glove a little bit and hit off the back of my glove," Rowand said. "I thought I should have caught it."

Crosby, a shortstop who leads AL rookies in homers, struck out and grounded into a double play in his first two at-bats.

The Athletics added an insurance run in the eighth on an RBI single by Damian Miller.



Chicago's Carlos Lee is called out by umpire Angel Hernandez after being tagged by Oakland catcher Damian Miller in the second inning Sunday.

Mulder, who hadn't allowed a homer in his previous five starts, gave up a two-run shot to Jose Valentin and a solo drive to Rowand in falling behind 3-1. But the winning pitcher in the All-Star game regained his composure and improved to 7-0 in 10 starts at home. He's also 6-0 in day games.

"He's awesome. He's probably the best," Crosby said.

After Mulder led, Dotel struck out Magglio Ordonez and Paul Konerko for his fifth save in seven chances with the A's.

Loaiza gave up four runs and seven hits in seven innings for the White Sox, who dropped to 2-16 in Oakland since 2001.

"They have to move the A's anyplace," manager Ozzie Guillen said. "Move this team out of here."

The A's left the bases loaded in the first when Loaiza shattered Durazo's bat for the third out on a grounder to shortstop.

Carlos Lee reached third for the White Sox with one out in the second inning on a walk, a wild pitch and a stolen base. But Lee was thrown out at the plate on a one-hopper to Chavez at third with the infield playing in.

After Valentin homered in the third, Dye's two-out RBI double cut it to 2-1 in the bottom half. Rowand connected on an 0-2 pitch leading off the sixth, but that was all Chicago could manage.

"We faced one of the best left-handers in the game and we couldn't get it done," Guillen said.

Looking for an outfielder with some pop, the White Sox acquired switch-hitter Carl Everett from Montreal on Sunday for minor league pitchers Jon Rauch and Gary Majewski. Guillen said the acquisition of Everett will keep Ordonez as the designated hitter. Ordonez, slowed by a sore

knee, said he preferred to play right field.

Red Sox 6, Angels 2: Curt Schilling won his fourth straight decision, allowing one run and three hits in eight innings. He and Pedro Martinez are a combined 14-1 since May 19, and the Red Sox are 27-11 when Schilling or Martinez start. The rest of the time, Boston is 23-29.

David Ortiz homered and drove in four runs as visiting Boston gained a split of the four-game series.

Schilling (12-4) struck out seven, walked none and retired 17 of the last 19 hitters.

Mariners 7, Indians 5: Randy Winn hit a tiebreaking, two-run double with two outs in the eighth inning. Victor Martinez tied it 5-5 in the top of the eighth with his first career pinch-hit homer.

Host Seattle's Bucky Jacobson

homered and drove in two runs a day after hitting his first career homer. Lou Merloni homered and drove in four runs for Cleveland.

Royals 4, Twins 3 (10): Dee Brown won it with a single off Aaron Lultz after Grant Balfour (3-1) walked the bases loaded in the 10th.

The host Royals took three of four from Minnesota, which remained a half-game behind first-place Chicago in the AL Central.

Lew Ford homered for the Twins, who have lost six of seven.

Rangers 7, Blue Jays 5: Mark Teixeira's grand slam off Vinnie Chulk (0-1) keyed a six-run eighth inning and the Rangers handed visiting Toronto its sixth straight loss. Doug Brousal (1-1) earned his first victory since July 23, 2000, for Detroit. Francisco Cordero got his 28th save.

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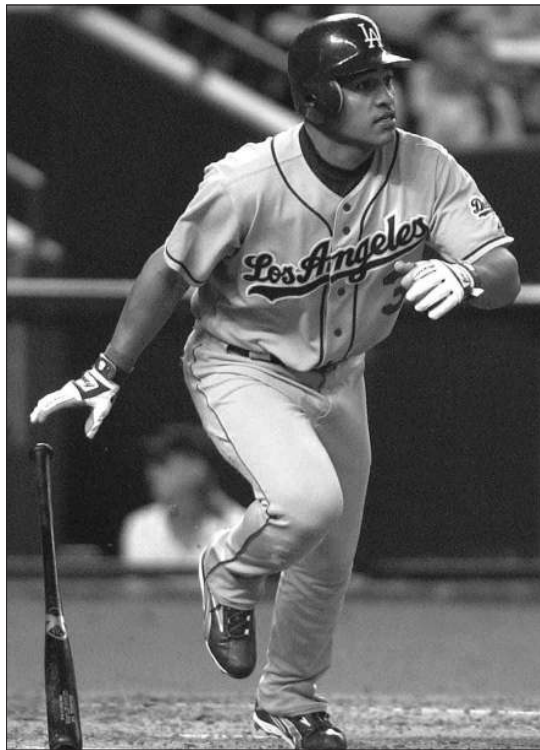
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Los Angeles' Cesar Izturis watches his three-run homer in the second inning Sunday night against Arizona.

Littlest Dodger shows muscle

BY MEL REISNER

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PHOENIX — Cesar Izturis, the smallest regular in the Los Angeles lineup, led the Dodgers' latest power surge.

Izturis had a career-best four RBIs and the Dodgers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 10-3 on Sunday night to complete a four-game sweep.

Adrian Beltré hit his 23rd homer to match his high for a season and Jayson Werth had a career-high four hits to back the pitching of Jose Lima.

The Dodgers, who built an 8-2 lead with four runs apiece in the second and fourth innings, have won six straight and 15 of 18. "A solid game all the way up and down the lineup," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "A solid starting pitching performance and a great one in the fact that we had a few guys down there (bullpen) that didn't even have to stand up and throw the ball."

Izturis had a three-run homer in the second and an RBI triple in the fourth.

"I was trying to get a base hit," said the 5-foot-9, 180-pound shortstop, who fouled off six of Elmer Dessens' nine pitches before hitting the 10th into the right-field seats. "So you have a 3-2 count, and it was a fast ball up, and I hit it out."

Werth had two singles, a double and a triple. Beltré, who had missed six games with a right quadriceps strain, homered in the eighth against Mike Petters.

Lima (9-3) won his third straight start, allowing three hits and 10 hits in eight innings. Lima, who allowed homers to Roberto Alomar and Steve Finley, is 3-0 against Arizona this year.

Dessens (1-6), winless since April 25, allowed eight runs — five earned — and 10 hits in 7 1/3 innings.

"We thought in the first inning he was aggressive," Arizona man-

ager Al Pedrique said. "He went right after the hitters, and for some reason, you know, he got a couple of guys on base in the second and third inning and he fell behind in the count, started elevating the ball, and he got hit hard."

Dave Roberts hit an RBI groundout in the second following singles by Werth, Alex Cora and David Ross, and Izturis' homer made it 4-1.

Izturis and Werth hit run-scoring triples in the fourth and Beltré and Cora drove in runs with singles. Werth, who played in 41 games with Toronto over the last three years, made his 19th start in the outfield for the Dodgers.

Alomar homered in the first on Lima's fourth pitch and Alex Cintron had an RBI single in the third. Lima gave up seven hits in the first three innings.

The home runs are going to come, because that's the way I am," Mesa said. "I throw too many strikes. But a lot are solo. The solo, they don't hurt me."

Earnhardt released from Calif. hospital

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. was released from the hospital Monday, one day after being burned on the face and legs following a crash during a warmup for an American Le Mans Series race.

The NASCAR star, son of the late Dale Earnhardt, was flown to the University of California-Davis Medical Center on Sunday after the car he was driving

crashed and turned into a fireball at the Infineon Raceway in Sonoma.

Earnhardt was treated for second-degree burns on the insides of both legs and on his chin, according to a statement from the hospital. The burns covered about 6 percent of his body.

The terrifying accident came at the beginning of a morning practice, when Earnhardt lost control of his Chevrolet Corvette C5-R. The car spun and slid into a concrete barrier.

The crash broke the fuel filler neck, where gas is poured into the fuel tank, and sparked the fire. Earnhardt was able to get out of the car on his own.

While Earnhardt's injuries weren't serious, any wreck he is involved in always brings up memories of the last-lap crash in the 2001 Daytona 500 that killed his father, easily the most popular driver of his era.

Steve Crisp, a spokesman for Dale Earnhardt Inc., said the younger Earnhardt will compete in next weekend's Nextel Cup race at New Hampshire International Speedway. Earnhardt, second in the driver standings behind Jimmie Johnson, was supposed to be enjoying a weekend off from his regular series for a rare chance to race without pressure.

Court bars media from reporting Bryant transcripts

DENVER — The Colorado Supreme Court ruled Monday the news media have no right to publish mistakenly released details from a closed-door hearing in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case, narrowly blocking the trial judge in a First Amendment clash.

The court fight centers on transcripts from a two-day hearing last month that were accidentally e-mailed by a court reporter to seven news organizations, including The Associated Press.

The judge quickly issued an order threatening a contempt citation against any news organization that released details from the hearing, which focused on attempts by Bryant's lawyers to have his accuser's sex life and money she received from a victim's compensation program introduced as evidence. Those decisions are pending.

None of the details have been printed or broadcast, but lawyers for the media groups demanded the order from District Judge Terry Ruckelshaus.

In a 4-3 ruling, the high court acknowledged the order amounts to prior restraint of a free press, which is barred by the Constitu-

tion. The court, however, said such a step was permissible given the context of the Bryant case.

Bryant, 25, is accused of raping a worker at a Vail-area resort last summer. He has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault.

Divac agrees to rejoin Lakers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Vlade Divac reached an agreement to rejoin the Los Angeles Lakers, leaving the Sacramento Kings after six seasons, an NBA source told The Associated Press on Monday.

The deal was expected to be finalized by Tuesday, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Earlier in Belgrade, Serbia-Montenegro, Divac, 36, said he was leaving the Kings.

"It was a great six years in Sacramento," he said. "I'm sad that I'm leaving, but the Kings did not show any interest to keep me."

The Lakers would say only that a player announcement was expected Tuesday.

The Lakers drafted Divac in 1989 and he spent seven years in Los Angeles until being traded to Charlotte for the draft rights to Kobe Bryant.

Tagliabue staying with NFL through 2007

NEW YORK — Paul Tagliabue will remain as NFL commissioner through the 2007 season.

Tagliabue has officially agreed to the new deal, announced last March, to extend a contract that would have expired after next season, league officials said Monday.

Tagliabue will be 67 when the contract expires. He would have retired at 65 had he stuck to his current deal. The new one is expected to pay him around \$8 million a year, putting him on a level with NBA commissioner David Stern as the highest paid chief executives in professional sports.

Davenport edges V. Williams

STANFORD, Calif. — Lindsay Davenport held off Venus Williams 7-6 (7-4), 5-7, 7-6 (7-4) Sunday to win her third Bank of the West Classic title.

Davenport snapped a six-match losing streak to Williams in the longtime rivals' 23rd meeting — and quite poorly the best. After countless thrilling points in a tense, well-played match stretching nearly three hours, Davenport turned her arms into the air in relief when Williams' final backhand went wide.

It was Davenport's 41st WTA singles title and third this year.

Mets send Garcia to O's for reliever DeJean

NEW YORK — Hoping to bolster their bullpen, the Baltimore Orioles traded outfielder Karim Garcia to Baltimore for reliever Mike DeJean on Monday.

DeJean was 0-5 with a 6.13 ERA in 37 games for the Orioles. After a poor start, he compiled a 4.05 ERA in June and July.

DeJean, 33, is 24-29 with 52 saves and a 4.40 ERA in 480 major league games with the Orioles, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Colorado.

Garcia, 28, hit .234 with seven home runs and 22 RBIs in 62 games with the Mets this year. He made 44 starts in right field.

Armstrong's path to sixth title clear

Texan appears to have dismissed most Tour de France challengers

NIMES, France — Stage 14 was a day for the Tour de France to catch its breath, to rest its weary legs and to ponder what lies ahead.

Mountains lie ahead, mostly. And this is why Europe's attendant wrinkled media, the "cyclo-rati," are yawning and muttering

and saying that Lance Armstrong, the mountain monster, already has clinched his sixth Tour title.

Still premature, of course. Armstrong says he has had nightmares about some kid's "musette," a small yellow souvenir bag, catching in his handlebars.

"And we all know what can happen then," Armstrong warned, remembering his abrupt tumble last year ascending the Col du Tourmalet.

"Oui," but as the champ also knows, it's not as if his road to Paris is lined with speed bumps. Sunday's stage, therefore, couldn't have come at a better time for Team Postal. The long (119 miles), mostly flat course from Carcassonne to Nîmes was like a ride to the beach, which almost was, given the Mediterranean's balmy proximity.

The stage's winner? Hmmm. Let me see. It's in the notes here somewhere.

Ah, it was Aitor Gonzalez, who proved that not every Spanish

riders was content to be back in the peloton, riding in 12th place.

But here's all you need to know about the way the race leaders treated the day: The top 10 finishers all had times within 43 seconds of one another, and the next 107 riders more or less finished in a tie for 11th place.

You could have hidden an elephant in the peloton, which mostly finished a handy, official 14 minutes and 12 seconds behind.

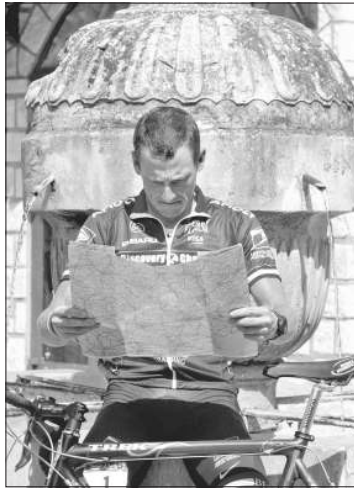
"We went around [28.5 mph] for the first two hours," yellow jersey wearer Thomas Voelcker noted, "and U.S. Postal wasn't letting anyone leave the peloton."

The three race leaders thus remain the same. France's Voelcker has a 22-second lead on Armstrong, followed by Italy's Ivan Basso, 1:39 behind.

And, as Voelcker's comment verified, is there any question who's in command of this race? No one expects Armstrong to get anywhere near the curbs or "musettes" in these final six stages. His lieutenants will ride his flanks, for as long as they can, and ward off any danger.

The few lingering mysteries mostly surround Basso. How much does he need the challenge or still have? What kind of time trial rider is he? A year ago in the rain on the road to Nantes, Stage 19, Basso finished 2 minutes, 7 seconds slower than Armstrong.

And if Basso can't challenge him after Wednesday's time trial climb to L'Alpe d'Huez, the question is, who can? Armstrong gave a respectful nod, mentioning Andreas Kloden of Germany and Francisco Mancebo of Spain. But talk about



Lance Armstrong looks at a map of France as he sits by a mountain near his hotel in southern France on Monday, the second rest day of the Tour de France. Armstrong is in second place in the overall standings.

speed bumps — until last weekend, Kloden was minding the peloton, fetching food bags for Jan Ullrich's T-Mobile Team.

On his team's Web site, Ullrich wrote Sunday: "Use 'Klodi' just as a helper, when he's in the form of his life? No way!"

Once Armstrong's biggest fear, Ullrich struggled through the Pyrenees and now rides nearly seven minutes behind Lance. Ullrich has admitted his teammate Kloden was "the better man" in the Pyrenees.

"So I've given him carte blanche in the Alps," Ullrich wrote.

"If I think he has the stronger legs, then he not only should, but must go for it alone."

Kloden crashed and had to drop out of the 2003 Tour. In his interviews with the German media, he has been noticeably deferential to Ullrich, the 1997 champ and five-time runner-up.

But judging from the furrowed brow on Ullrich last weekend and the pool of sweat under his carcase, he seems in no position to help anyone.

The French newspapers are concentrating instead on the homeboy, Voelcker, calling him "Le Saint-Thomais" and lauding

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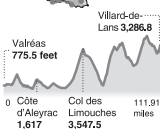
Racing in low gear

The Tour goes back into the mountains again from Valréas to Villard-de-Lans. Grades are up to 7.4 percent.

Stage 15

Tuesday, July 20

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Source: Tour de France AP

his "tricolore" ride Sunday to Plateau de Beille.

Fine, but the yellow jersey is going to be due back at Blockbuster's, probably on Wednesday. Armstrong has suggested that Tuesday's ride, Valréas to Villard-de-Lans, doesn't present an emphatically steep challenge, and so the overall lead is likely to change hands. Wednesday at L'Alpe d'Huez.

Yes, anything can happen. Armstrong's eventual 2003 victory proved that.

But in that race, he always seemed to be pedaling uphill, with Ullrich's shadow not far behind.

This time, as of last weekend, Lance Armstrong appears to have everything already in hand, his nightmare included.

Is there a challenger left in the house?

Gil LeBreton writes for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Hamilton: The pride of Oquawka, Ill.

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Earlier, as he walked off the 16th hole with a two-stroke lead in the final round, his wife, Jacque, talked about how this tournament felt like the Honda Classic, won in March by an unknown golfer named Todd Hamilton. It felt serene. It was the strangest thing, because most of the time, Hamilton is a bundle of nerves on the course.

"We've felt this way for the past three days, a sense of calm," she said. "I told him last night, 'You have nothing to lose. Everybody else does.'"

Then she said, "But it's not over until the fat lady sings."

The fat lady was warming up for a playoff. In the last three holes of regulation, Els went birdie-birdie-par, leaving each golfer at 10-under 274. It was at this point that most everyone with working brain cells thought Els would run away with the tourna-

ment. But most everyone didn't know Todd Hamilton, winner of five tournaments around the globe since January 2003.

"I've won golf tournaments worldwide, but nothing that had a stage like this," he admitted afterward. "If you can win a golf tournament, [even if it's a club championship], you can focus on that and transfer it to your next match."

His next "match" is the British Open: Is like saying your next "karaoke night" is at Madison Square Garden. Els may have blinked first, bogeying the third hole of the playoff, but Hamilton doubters still had to outnumber Hamilton believers by about 200 to 1. That was an improvement over the betting line of 250-1 on Hamilton to start the Open.

So it would come to this: Els has a birdie putt on the first hole, off hole, the 18th, and Hamilton was about 30 yards short of the green.

The most famous man from Oquawka, Ill., took out a hybrid club he sometimes uses instead of a 3-wood off the tee and chipped the ball to within 2 feet. If he had been any more relaxed, he would have been in the lotus position.

Els missed his putt.

Doubt gave way to suspended belief and finally, grudgingly, to belief.

Even Hamilton referred to the whole chain of events as "this bit of magic." He had struggled to get to this point. He had thought of quitting in 1991 after struggling on the Asian tour, though after some soul-searching he came to the conclusion he wasn't qualified to do anything else but play golf.

"It seems like a fairy tale," Hamilton said, "and to me it really is."

Sometimes truth is better than fiction.

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Dunn breaks through for first LPGA win in 245 tries

The Associated Press

VIENNA, Ohio — With a clap of thunder, Moira Dunn won her first LPGA tournament on her 245th try.

Dunn, putting out moments after lightning flashed in the background, birdied the 16th and 17th holes to win the Giant Eagle LPGA Classic on Sunday.

"It's been a long time," she said, fighting back tears. "I always believed it would come. That's what got me here."

It was Dunn's first victory in a decade on tour. The Utica, N.Y., native twice finished second in 2001.

She collected \$150,000 for the victory, shooting a final-round 65 to finish at 12-under 204 — two strokes ahead of Young-A Yang — at muddy Squaw Creek Country Club.

The final round was suspend-

ed for 2 hours, 40 minutes because of lightning and rain.

Yang, a second-year pro also seeking her first win, shot a closing 68 to finish at 206.

Byrd captures B.C. Open

ENDICOTT, N.Y. — Jonathan Byrd rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole to break an eight-year tie for the lead and added another birdie on the next hole to win the rain-delayed B.C. Open by one stroke over Ted Purdy.

Byrd missed a chance to force a playoff when his 3-foot putt for birdie slid past the hole on No. 18.

Byrd finished at 20-under 268 for his second PGA victory and took home \$540,000.

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A late arrival for a world traveler

British Open winner Hamilton never stopped believing

If they thought Todd Hamilton was going to cave in to the pressure Sunday, if they thought he was going to collapse right there in the gorse at the age of 38, after 12 years of playing in Japan, after five years of playing on the Asian tour, after practicing in the ice and snow of western Illinois in the offseason, they didn't know him.

Of course they didn't know him. The fans at Royal Troon might know figure skater Scott Hamilton and might possibly remember Alexander Hamilton, but they couldn't have picked out Todd Hamilton in a pub full of pro golfers. Then again, neither could most anybody outside of the extended Todd Hamilton family.

Hamilton, impassive and imperturbable to the very end, won a heart-stopping play-

off duel with Ernie Els in the British Open on Sunday. Impossible? No. He might not have been Els, out of South Africa, but he certainly wasn't Ben Curtis, out of nowhere.

Hamilton had won on the PGA Tour this year.

Improbable? Sure, in the way that some dreams are improbable.

That could be why Hamilton was holding the winner's trophy Sunday as if it were a pillow.

"He's talked about the Claret Jug ever since he was a little kid," said his mother, Jane, who helped raise him in Oquawka, Ill., a town of 1,500 people on the banks of the Mississippi River.

Rick Morrissey



Yes, Hamilton is a small-town guy, but he's a small-town guy who has seen poverty in New Delhi and traffic jams in Bangkok. He's a small-town guy who once witnessed a golfer cheat during a tournament in Seoul by kicking a ball.

Even when you don't want to, sometimes you see a lot.

When Hamilton arrived at the 72nd hole Sunday evening, with the gallery roaring for Els, his playing partner, a victory seemed a lot to ask of a guy who needed eight attempts to get his PGA touring card. And when he knocked his ball all over that hole on his way to a bogey and a four-hole playoff, it almost seemed too much to expect he could hold off Els, who already had won two majors by playoffs.

Curtis won the British Open as a rookie last year, and it was the kind of squeezably



Todd Hamilton toiled in obscurity on the Asian tour before claiming the Claret Jug, awarded to the winner of the British Open.

soft story people like to embrace. But two straight years of this sort of thing? Against Els? Couldn't happen.

But they didn't know Todd Hamilton.

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One last hurdle on the way to Athens



Terrence Trammell, left, leads the pack in a semifinal heat in the 110-meter hurdles on Sunday, the final day of the U.S. Olympic track and field trials in Sacramento, Calif. Trammell won his heat and went on to win the finals and qualify for a spot on the U.S. team. Also among Sunday's qualifiers were two-time Olympic gold medalist Gail Devers and emerging 18-year-old sprint star Allyson Felix. See story on Page 27.



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